Ozal wins confidence vote

ANKARA (R1 - The new Turkish civilian government of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal won a parliamentary vole of confidence Saturday, giving it a clear mandate after more than three years of military rule. Mr. Ozal, whose cabinet was approved by President Kenan Evren earlier this month, had submitted his programme to the traditional vote in the new parliament which was formed after last month's elections, the first since the 1980 military coup. The programme was approved by 213 votes to 115, with 65 abstentions. Mr. Ozal's programme centres on a change towards a free market economy and the streamling of the country's cumbersome bureaucracy. Six members did not attend Saturday's vote in the 399-seat parliament.



Merry Christmas

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Jordan Times will not appear on Monday, Dec. 26. We take this opportunity to wish all of our readers and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday.

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3 Israelis wounded in Sidon attack

SIDON, Lebanon (R: - At least three Israeli soldiers were wounded Saturday when gunmen fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a patrol outside this southern Lebanese city, eyewitnesses said. They said ambulances and Israeli military vehicles rushed to the

Rifles from Israel intercepted in U.S.

FORT LAUDERDALE. Florida (R) - U.S. customs officers Friday confiscated 12.000 rifles shipped here from Israel and apparently bound for Guatemala, a spokesman said. The rifles. old bolt-action models, were in four containers marked "machinery" offloaded from an Israeli freighter at Fort Lauderdale's Port Everglades. No arrests were reported and the customs spokesman said investigations were continuing.

Guinea quake kills 143, injures 250

ABIDJAN (R) - Tremors continued to shake parts of Guinea after an earthquake Friday which killed 143 people and wounded 2511. Conakry Radio said. The tremors, which occurred every six hours, were felt in the north-west of the West African country where the earthquake two days ago appeared to have been centred. The radio said earlier 200 people had died in the earthquake in the Gaoual area, some 300 kilometres from the capital, and that thousands had been left homeless. Earthquakes are rare in West Afr-

30 dead in Zimbabwe accident

HARARE (R) - At least 3(1 people were killed and 60 injured Saturday in a train accident near Zimbahwe's main coal mining town of Hwange, some 490 kilometres west of here, the Transport Ministry said. Zimbabwe's national news agency Ziana quoted the ministry as saying the train. bound for Victoria Falls on the Zimbabwe-Zambia border. derailed at about 5.30 a.m. (11330 GMT). sabotage was not suspected.

8 arrested in Guyana plot

CLEVELAND. Ohio (R) - The arrests of eight people in the United States and Canada have ended a two-month investigation into an alleged plot to overthrow the government of Guyana, according to police. The arrests followed an investigation by Ontario pro-vincial police and U.S. customs agents into "alleged criminal acıivities by the Conservative Party of Guyana (CPG)." a police spokesman said in Toronto.

Strike hits Sabena

BRUSSELS (R) - The Belgian state airline Sabena cancelled all flights Saturday because of a 24-hour strike by pilots and flight technicians, an airline spokesman

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 - are optimistic about this."
 - that the Mubarak-Arafat meeting in Cairo violated the 1978 Camp David agreement that led to a separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.
 - "As they (the Israelis) look at this a little more clearly, they will let government wants peace, there see that Mubarak, based on the will be no war, because I know for good chance of Jordan coming to

PLO leader keeps world guessing on next stop

BAHRAIN (Agencies) - Palestinian leader Vasser Arafat's whereabouts remained unknown Saturday, two days after he held a dramatic meeting in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

the north Lebanese port of Tripoli lasi Tuesday after a six-week siege by Syrian-backed Palestinian rehels and sailed south (rom the Mediterranean into the Suez Canal before flying by helicopter to meet Mr. Mubarak.

He was later reported to have reboarded the Greek ship Odysseas Elytis which had brought him from Tripoli and was thought to be sailing on into the Red Sea en route for North Yemen, with a possible stop on the Saudi Arabian coast.

Saudi Arabian officials made no mention of Mr. Arafat's whereabouts or whether a meeting with King Fahd was possible.

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO: officials in Jeddah said they had not received any official word on his possible arrival in the Saudi pork

"We are waiting to hear either from Aralal or from Saudi officials." one PLO official in Jeddah told Reuters in Bahrain by tel-

The official said the PLO representative in Riyadh. Rafik Shaker Natshe, went to Jeddah to reccive Mr. Arafat if he arrived.

The Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) Friday night quoted informed sources as saying Mr. Arafar had left the Greek ship Odysseas Elytis and was probably on his way to Saudi Arabia, his main linancial supporter. But there was no confirmation.

The Greek ship is one of five which evacuated Mr. Arafat and his 4 MKI men from northern Lebanon. Two of the ships ended their voyage at Larnaca. Cyprus. dropping off several hundreds Arafat

The ship carrying Mr. Arafat. in a convoy of three, was said to be destined for Hodeida, North Yemen, when it sailed through the Suez Canal into the Red Sea.

Mr. Arafat's talks with Mr. Mubarak, the president of the only Arab country that has signed a treaty with Israel, were condemned by various Palestinian

Mr. Arafat was evacuated from cration of Palestine, demanded Mr. Ara(ai's removal from the PLO leadership and branded him the "Palestinian Sadat" in reference to the former Egyptian president who made the treaty

with Israel. Palestinian refugees in Tripoli. Mr. Arafat's former Lebanese stronghold, staged a demonstration Friday in protest against his Cairo

They marched through the rubble-strewn streets of the Baddawi camp and demanded Mr. Arafat be put on trial.

In Damascus, the main base of his rebel foes, Palestinian leaders there denounced Mr. Arafat's move and demanded his dismissal from the PLO.

In what appeared to be the first official Saudi comment on Mr. Aralar's meeting with Mr. Mub-arak, the Saudi Press Agency Sat-urday quoted an official source as saying Saudi Arabia's position with regard to the meeting "is in line with that of the legitimate PLO leadership.'

'Government in exile'

Mr. Arafat was quoted as saying Friday that he has become convinced of the need to form a Palestinian government in exile. Mr. Arafat told the Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Yom that the projected government will shoulder the task of pursuing the Palestinian political and military struggle in the coming stage in view of the recent events in Beirut and

The formation of a Palestinian government in exile will be on top of a Palestine National Council's (PNC) meeting to be held in Algería in February. Mr. Arafat said.

Interviewed aboard the ship earrying him through the Sucz Canal. Mr. Arafat said that the coming stage of the Palestinian struggle will witness intensive political and diplomatic moves on the Arab and international levels reaching a climax at the PNC mee-

He also described Saudi Ara-Radical leader George Habash. bia's stand toward the PLO as posof the Popular From for the Lib- itive.

Britain welcomed Arafat-Mubarak | Qawasmeh supports meeting as positive, says Egypt

CAIRO [R] - Britain told Egypt Saturday that talks between Pal-estine Liberation Organisation

The French and Italian amb-Mubarak on Thursday were a pos- said. itive contribution to peace in the

eign Ministry said. The ministry statement followed talks between British Ambassador Michael Weir and Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali.

The British amhassador has conveyed his government's conviction that Arafat's talks in Cairo were a positive contribution to peace efforts in the Middle East."

Mr. Ghali also saw the Italian. American and French ambassadors to brief them on the outcome of the talks between Mr. Mubarak and Mr. Arafat, who visited Cairo while his ship was sailing through the Sucz Canal on its way to North Yemen.

The Egyptian statement said iotes also expressed his govframework of Egypt's positive Cairo. efforts to achieve a peaceful com-

IPLO; Chairman Yasser Arafat assadors. in separate meetings, and Egyptian President Husni also voiced support, the statement

Arab analysts in Cairo spe-Middle East, the Egyptian For- culated that Mr. Arafat's meeting with Mr. Mubarak might promnte President Reagan's 1982 Middle East peace initiative, which Mr. Mubarak strongly supports, and provide an opportunity for Washington to open a dialogue with Mr. Arafat.

It has long been the opinion of Egypt that Washington should open a dialogue with the Palestinian leader, possibly in association with Jordan to line with the Reagan plan.

Egyptian officials said Mr. Arafat was better placed to conduct such a dialogue since he has now divorced himself from the influence of radical Arab countries such as Syria and Libya and from hardliners to the PLO.

The semi-official newspaper Al U.S. ambassador Nicholas Vel- Ahram called on Israel to grasp"a rare opportunity" to act for peace ernment's "interest" in the inthe region, instead of expressing Arafat-Mubarak talks "within the anger over Mr. Arafat's visit to

"There is surprise and con-

angry reaction over the Arafat-Mubarak meeting... Arafat secks peace based on justice... he has repeatedly expressed willingness to negotiate a peaceful and permanent settlement... is this what Israel objects to now?" it asked.

Meanwhile in Damaseus, radical Palestinian leader George Habash Saturday branded Mr. Arafat "the Palestinian Sadat" for his trip to Cairo and predicted the PLO leader would be ostracised like the late Egyptian president.

Mr. Habash, leader of the hardline Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), told a press conference here that Mr. Arafat did not have to take "the Camp David option" after retreating from north Lebanon under rebel assault.

Arafat is the Palestinian Sadat... I am sure that our Palestinian masses will take the same position towards him as the Arab masses took towards Sadat," Mr. Habash said.

'Every Palestinian... must ansiver the question: Are they supporting the Palestinian Sadat or are they supporting the rev-

Bethlehem begins Christmas festivities amid fears of Israeli terrorist attacks

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (R - The Latin patriarch of Jerusalem led the annual procession from lerusalem to Bethlehein Salorday to open Christmas celebrations under massive security by the Istaeli army.

Clad in black robes and scarlet skullcap and escorted by mounted rolice. Monsignor Giacomo Beltritti was greeted in Manger Souare by Mayor Elias Freii and other ·local dignitaries in the Palestinian town where Christ was born.

Marching bands from Arab scout troops, complete with bagpipes, performed in the brilliant winter sunshine as Israeli troops in battle gear stood guard on roo-ftops, on roads leading to Manger Square and around the Church of the Nativity.

ordered to step up vigilance on the

streets of Paris over Christmas fol-

cked one of the capital's most exc-

lusive restaurants Friday night, an

Interior Ministry spokesman said.

blast at the Grand Vefour Res-

One of the victims, a French

The other injured, hurt less ser-

to have the other amputated, pol- ured.

taurant in central Paris.

Ten diners were injured by the bomb.

PARIS tR; - Police have been and two Japanese.

lowing a homb blast which wre- placed outside one of the res-

woman, lost a leg and might have wrecked and 2tt people were inj-

iously, included the French-ripped curtains. Table clothes

woman's husband, five Americans were spattered with blood and

The army says it is concerned about a series of recent grenade attacks against Christian and Muslim targets. A nun and a Muslim clergyman were injured in two grenade attacks on a Greek Orthodox monastery and a mosque A shadowy Israeli group calling

itself"Terror Against Terror" claimed responsibility for the attacks. as well as for about a dozen other grenades placed at Christian and Muslim sites in recent weeks. Despite the attacks, the Israeli

Tourism Ministry said some 12,000 pilgrims from around the world had come to celebrate Christmas in Bethlehem, up from S.000 last year.

Thousands of tourists, West. Bank residents, and Christian pil-

The bomb, which had been pac-

ked with metal fragments, was

No organisation has claimed

In a similar attack last month,

Friday's blast smashed the res-

taurant's seats, broke chairs and

another exclusive Paris res-

taurant, the l'Orec du Bois, was

responsibility for placing the

taurant's windows.

grims jammed into Bethlehem. A huge Christmas tree dominated the square, which serves as a parking lol during the rest of the year, and streetlights were festioned with streamers.

Among the visitors were several hundred sailors from the U.S. Sixth Fleck which has been stationed off the Lebanese coast. This is the first of three Chr-

ismas celebrations in Bethlehem. The Orthodox community — Syrians, Greeks and Copts - holds-Christmas on Jan. 6. and the Armenian church celebrates 12 days

Muslim-Christian meeting warns of Israeli attacks, page 3

floor strewn with broken glass.

bar were also smashed.

Windows of a nearby theatre

Secretary of state for public

security, Joseph Francheschi, who

visited the restaurant after the

blast, said it was very difficult to

prevent incidents such as Friday

enquiry with diligence ... but I do

not hide the fact that this I type of

incident' causes us problems." he

Paris police could not check

every dustbin in the city. Mr. Fra-

widespread death and destruction

in Tripoli, he said: "I cannot bel-

ieve that the millions of Pal-

estinians are going to choose that

U.N. cansot replace MNF

He also said he would welcome

replacement of the tour-nation

peacekeeping force now in Leb-anon with a United Nations con-

tingent, but he doubted if a cre-

"I would have wished from the

very first for a U.N. force. But

what has prevented it? The Soviet

He said U.N. military observers

in sauthern Lebanon proved to be

literally helpless because of res-

trictions placed on them in order

About 1,800 U.S. marines are

serving in the Multi-National

Force (MNF.) in Beirut along with

troops from France, Italy and Bri-

On Central America, Mr. Rea-

gan said recent conciliatory ges-

tures by Nicaragua, including a

"I think there is more they can

ctions, were inadequate.

Union veto," he said.

to win Soviet support.

dible U.N. force was possible.

tald reporters.

leadership."

"I am determined to head the

Origins of Christmas lie in pagan rituals, page 8

effect. Bomb injures 10, wrecks Paris hotel

Arafat's Egypt visit

AMMAN (R) - Palestine Libration Organisation (PLO) Charman Yasser Arafat's talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were welcomed Saturday by the expelled Palestinian mayor of the West Bank town of Hebron.

Expelled Mayor Fahd Al Qawasmen said in a statement to the Jordanian News Agency Petra, he hoped Mr. Arafat's Cairo visit would be a "siep on the road of the struggle of the Palestinian people to ensure their legitimate rights and the establishment of their independent state on their national

Mr. 'Jawasmeh said the welcome Mr. Aratat received from Mr. Mubarak contradicted the spirit and letter of the Camp David agreement, which aimed at suppressing the inalienable rights of the Palestinians,"

The U.S.-sponsored Camp David accord led to a separate peace treary between Israel and Egypt signed in 1979.

Mr. Arafat's Cairo trip also indicated Egypt's recognition of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Mr. Qawasmeh said.

Expressing confidence in the PLO leadership with Mr. Arafat as its symbol, as well as Egypt's "historical role." he said the Aratat-Mubarak meeting reflected Egyptian efforts to return o its "true position as leader of the Arah Nation...

Mr. 'Dawasmeh was expelled under an Israeli government order in May 198tt after a building in Hebron used by Israeli settlers had been blown up by Palestinian

Beirut bomb scare triggers false alarm

dog caused what appeared to be a Force (MNF) abandoned some of false alarm Saturday when a car their positions Saturday and hanparked close to U.S. Marines' positions near Beirut airport was dec- army. lared to be packed with exp-

A U.S. Marines spokesman. Captain Wayne Jones, said a team of Marines had wanted to remove a 1956 Chrysler which had been parked on the coast road for several days and took along a bomb handling team and a sniffer dog. He said there was nothing visible to indicate the car was rigged

rted on the vehicle." He said the car could have been hit by bullets and the dog. trained lo delect the smallest trace of nit-

with explosives but the "dog ale-

ave reacted He said the matter had been which took charge of removing the

vehicle. The army command Saturday imposed strict measures in Beirut to prevent terror attacks during Chrisimas, including on all public gatherings. It issued a reminder that a night-long curfew was still in

Security sources said French MNF, page 2

BEIRUT (R) - A bomb-sniffing troops of the Multi-National ded them over to the Lebanese

> French Defence Minister Charles Hernu, who arrived Friday. said he would be looking imo security arrangements around French positions. Mr. Hernu flew by helicopter to the French aircraft carrier Cle-

menceau. He will be spending Christmas eve with French troops before returning home Sunday. French and U.S. Marines prepared to celchrate Christmas

under the threat of attack. The Muslim fundamentalist "Islamic Jihad" organisation on

Wednesday issued an ultimatum threatening the American and French troops with a "real earturned over to the Lebanese army thquake" uoless they pulled out within III days. The Lebanese army Friday iss-

ued a communique ordering all commercial and fishing vessels to keep away from American warships off the coast and from the coasial area adjacent to the Marines base.

France, Britain to retain role in

S. African forces continue anti-rebel action in Angola

limited campaign in Angola against guerrillas fighting for the independence of Namibia (South West Africa . informed defence sources said. The offensive, in which five of

Pretoria's soldiers have died and one is missing, was first disclosed by South Africa Friday. The sou-rees said no Iurther details would be officially released at present. In a strong warning to Luanda Friday night. South African Defence Force chicl General Constand Viljoen said in a statement

PRE FORIA IR. - South Afr- South West Africa People's Orgican forces Saturday continued a anisation (SWAPO). South Africa says it is trying to pre-empt the annual assault into Namibia from Angola by SWAPO

> rrillas. South Africa's announcement of an olfensive into Angola followed Angolan radio reports of fierce fighting between South Air-

ican and Angolan units. The fighting was reported less than a week after Angola and that Pretoria's troops would det- SWAPO rejected an offer by Preend themselves against what he toria at the United Nations to withdraw all its torces from southern

which traditionally begins about

now .. the start of the rainy sea-

son when sprouting vegetation

provides good cover for the gue-

called Angolan interference in operations against guerrillas of the Angola,

Nakasone presses ahead with new administration

TOKYO [R] - Japanese Prime Nakasone's major backer -- was Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone pressed ahead Saturday with the delicate task of forming a new administration and meeting a pledge to rid his party of the influence of disgraced former Premier Kakuei

in a statement earlier Saturday in which he also accepted the major him, the way now seems clear for responsibility for the poor sho- Mr. Nakasone's re-election as ocratic Party (LDP) in the Dec. 18 general election.

"I think the major cause of the defeat was that I have failed to put a clear end to the so-called Tanaka issue and that I have dissatisfied the nation over my posture towards political ethics." Mr. Nnk-

asone said.

the price demanded by Mr. Nakasone's party critics for supporting his bid to retain the leadership. The statement was approved by

senior party executives and later by leaders of LDP factions who had threatened a possible power Mr. Nakasone made the pledge struggle over the Tanaka issue. Having rallied the party behind

wing of the ruling Liberal Dem- prime minister when parliament is recalled on Monday. Last Sunday's election was precipitated by Mr. Tanaka's con-

viction in October in the Lockheed bribery case. Japan's biggest post-war political scandal. But Mr. Tanaka, who is app-ealing against the verdict and a

four-year prison sentence, easily The statement of responsibility won re-election to his indand the commitment to undercut ependent seat from which he still the power of Mr. Tanaka - controls the largest of the five "I think there is more trey can the power or the do than they have done." he said. I Japan's power broker and Mr. main rival LDP factions.

Reagan: Lebanon no more an obstacle to peace process

ice said.

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON - President Reagan says the turmoil in Lebanon is no longer an obstacle to an overall Middle East peace settlement and he hopes Jordan and PLO leader Yasser Arafat will

enter the peace process. "I think enough progress has been made there (in Lebanon) that we can go forward with the peace movement." Mr. Reagan said in a White House interview on Friday with Reuters and other news services.

Hosni Mubarak and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Arafat could mean a breakthrough enabling Jordan to join peace talks with Israel, he said: "I'm always a little leery about saying a breakthrough ... (but) we

experience of Egypt and its wil- a fact that no other country wants the peace table, he replied: Yes, I lingness to go forward for peace, is war with the Soviet Union. The simplytrying to persuade others to change their thinking." Mr. Reassaid. gan said.

'Ball in Soviet court'

He also rejected suggestions of a confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union and he repeated earlier predictions that Moscow would will ultimately resume arms control

negotiations in Geneva. Moscow broke off talks on medium-range nuclear weapons in November after the arrival of Asked if Thursday's meeting new U.S. missiles in Britain and between Egyptian President West Germany. It has also refused to set a date for the start of the next round of separate talks on

long-range missiles. Mr. Reagan defended his arms buildup, saying U.S. military. The apparent accord was blocked strength was the only reason Moscow was talking at all.

"I believe we are further from a He rejected Israeli suggestions confrontation possibility because arak is doing is talking to him of the deterrent capability of the United States and our allies ... there was a far more unstable condition when we had let our own strength deteriorate." he said.

"I am prepared to say if the Sov-

elements in the PLO. "Now, I think that what; Mub-

Optimism on initiative

U.S. officials have voiced growing hope that the split in the PLO that forced Mr. Arafai to quit Lebanon this week may have given new life to Mr. Reagan's

Middle East peace initiative. His plan, announced on Sept. 1. t¹¹⁸2, called for Palestinian selfrule in association with Jordan in territories new occupied by Israel and for a halt in new Israeli settlements in the occupied lands.

Mr. Reagan said Mr. Arafat and Lordan almost reached agreement last year to allow the kingdom to enter peace talks as a representative of the Palestinians. at the last minute by hard-line

[Arafat] about returning to where he was earlier, making contact with King Hussein and getting those peace negotations, our peace proposal, underway again." Mr. Reagan said.

Asked if he thought there was a

do. I really do."

He conceded that Mr. Arafat had consistently refused to recognise Israel's right to exist but noted that Egypt had also once been an implacable foc of the Jewish state.

"Who is better able to try and bring another person into the peace process than someone who has made the change that Egypt

has made?" he saked. Lebanese priority receded

Mr. Reagan said his belief that the Lebanese turmoil might not be an obstacle to the overall peace process represented a shift in American perceptions.

"We've believed that settlement in Lebanon had to precede going further with that (the peace process). I do not think that's necessarily true now." he

He said it was not yet clear if Mr. Arafat still was the most popular Palestinian leader, but he said it was certain the Syrian-backed limited amnesty offer for opponents and a pledge to hold ele-PLO faction that ousted Mr. Arafat from Tripoli did not speak for most Palestinians.

Describing the Palestinian dissidents as radicals responsible for

MIDDLE EAST

France, Britain will maintain role in Multinational force

BEIRUT (R) — Despite heightened concern for the safety of foreign troops in Beirut, the British and French defence ministers have reaffirmed their government's determination not to pull their men out of .

Ministers from the two counuries gave the pledges Friday during Christmas visits to their contingents in the Beirot Multinational Force.

French Defence Minister Charles Hernu was sent by President Francois Mitterrand after a truck-bomb attack on a French regimental command post on Wednesday killed a soldier and injured a dozen and caused heavy casualties among Lebanese civilians nearby.

British Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine, on a 711-minute visit to the 110-man British force. told reporters: "We do not even want to talk about pulling out." Italian President Sandro Pertini said in Rome, however, that the

Iran claims

100 guerrillas

TEHRAN (R) - A hundred

members of the anti-government

Mujahedin-e-Khalq guerrilla org-

anisation were arrested recently as

they held a meeting in Tehran, the

national news agency IRNA rep-

The agency said the commander of the paramilitary revolutionary

guards, Mohsen Rezai, ann-

ounced the arrests Friday at a pra-

yer ceremony in the southern

seized five radio sets capable of

communicating with Europe, it

added. No further details were

The Mujahedin-e-Khalq sup-

ported Iran's 1979 Islamic rev-

olution, but later broke with the

clergy-led followers of Avatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini and waged a

campaign of violence against rev-

olutionary leaders in 1981

Rezai said security forces also

arrest of

orted Saturday.

town of Zarand.

Italian contingent of the force should be withdrawn as it no longer had any clear significance after the departure of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and his men.

The British troops have suffered no casualties since arriving last February. But France's 2.000-strong force has lost 82 men and the latest truck-bombing was followed by a threat the French troops say they are not ignoring.

It was an ultimatum from the 'Islamic Jihad'' i Islamic holy war: group to French and American troops to leave Lebanon within 10. days or be hit by "a real ear-

bombings in Lebanon this year minister France would not bow to

istan People's Party (PPP , left-

wing movement founded by eve-

cuted Prime Minister Zultikar Ali

Bhutto, will not be allowed to rule

again, martial law President vloh-

ammad Zia-L'I-Haq said Friday

In his most direct indictment to

date of Pakistan's main opposition

party. Gen. Ziu told journalists

the PPP brought the country to the

brink of crisis during its 5-1/2

years in power and should not be

PPP members, whom Gen. Zia

barred from contesting elections

for five years after he deposed Mr.

Bhutto in a coup in 1977, will now

be banned for another 111 years

from any polls, the official APP

news agency quoted him as-saying

ter he said any new government

allowed to do so again.

against American. French and Israeli lorces, and lor bombing mainly French and American targets in Kuwait earlier this month.

The 1.500 U.S. Marines, already pinned down in a heavily fortitled base at Beirut airport, have not commented on the threat. Their security has been under heavy scrutiny and criticism in the United States, but President Reagan said this week they would stay till their mission was accomplished or the Lebanese government sought their departure.

In a new security measure for the U.S. contingent, the Lebanese army Friday night ordered all commercial and fishing vessels to keep away from American warships off the coast and from the coastal area adjacent to the Mar-

Mr. Hernu, who is making an The group is believed res- of the positions held by French

-Gen. Zia says Bhutto's party

will never rule Pakistan again

clearest sign to date that he for-

elections promised by March 1985, political sources said.

celled previously promised polls.

hold elections by March 1985 but

lett the exact date and nature of

day night there would be no third

(MRD), of which the PPP is the

largest member, launched a pro-

test campaign for immediate ele-

Gen. Zia's comments, two days and Gen. Zia has slowly resumed large public rally next month like

The nine-party Movement for

cancellation.

announcement.

would have to continue his Isl- form of government he calls Isl- Multan.

Gen. Zia, who has twice can-

announced on Aug. 12 he would for office.

the Restoration of Democracy to last that long,

ctions two days after Gen. Zia's Bhutto was hanged.

ISLAMABAD IR. The Pak- amisation programme, were the

blackmail or be intimidated by attacks on its forces. Lebanese off-

But he and French chief of staff Gen. Jannou Lacaze held immediate talks with Defence Minister Izzam Rhoury and army chief of staff Gen. Ibrahim Tannous on increasing security for the French

Mr. Hernu, who also delivered a message from Mr. Mitterrand to Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, announced he would spend Christmas eve with French officers and paratroopers.

Mr. Hernu met Lebanese Pre sident Amin Gemayel Friday shortly after arriving in Beirui.

Mr. Hernu handed Mr. Gemuyel a message from President Mitterrand and told reporters he had come at the urgent request of Gemavel and Gen. Lacaze to disponsible for all the bloody truck- troops, told the Lebanese defence cuss increased security for France's 2.1011-strong contingent.

He repeated his view that Pak-

democracy but an Islamic system

under which electoral committees

would choose only "good and right-minded" candidates to run

He said he had not vet decided

whether to seek a court order

said party members were first bar-

red from polls for five years bec-

Gen. Zia imposed martial law in

He indicated he would continue

ause he did not expect martial law

July 1477 and banned all political

parties in 1979, the same year Mr.

Polisario rebels seize 3 S. Korean sailors

SEOUL (R: - Polisario guetrillas seized three South Korean sailors from a trawler they att-acked in the Atlantic ocean off northwest Africa Saturday, a foreign ministry official here said.

Another five Koreans aboard the ship. Ain Quauli, were mis-

sing. Sixteen erew members, inccued by a Morocean patrol boat, boat,

the official said, quoting a report from the South Korean consulate general in Las Palmas.

The guerrillas machinegunned and threw hand grenades at the Ain Ouauli, jointly owned by a South Korean and a Moroccan

The trawler caught fire but the luding eight Moroccans, were res- blaze was put out by the patrol

Israeli diplomat alleges Malta assassination bid

\ ALLETTA, Malia tR: -- Israeli charge d'affaires Esther Millo said of an assassination attempt in Valletta Friday night.

A gunman fired five shots as she sat in her car outside a florist's shop, but her only injuries were

minor cuts from flying glass.

Ms. Millo, who is in her early fifties, said she had been about to sian her car in a busy shopping district when another vehicle drew

A man, described by Ms. Millo as having a dark complexion with Saturday she had been the victim a heavy moustache, fired five shots, which shattered her can windows.

> Ms. Millo said she chased her attacker's car but lost it in heavy pre-Christmas traffic.

She was later treated to cuts in her face and hand.

"I must be the luckiest woman in Malta." said Millo, who has been in ... Malta about 18 months.

Greece, Cyprus promise to. reverse Cyprus declaration

ATHENS (R' - Greece and settlement because of Greck intdiplomatic efforts to reverse the unilateral proclamation of a Turkish-Cypriot state and to find a fair solution to the Cyprus pro-

Cyprus President Spyros Kyprianou. Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said the two sides reached a unanimous decision to use all diplomatic means "to reverse the declaration of independence of a pseudo-state in northern Cyprus by Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash last

"We will use all means at our disposal to reverse this decision and will make any effort necessary in many capitals and international organisations." Mr. Papandreou

Last month the Turkish sector saying there was no chance of a of the issue.

ependence.

Mr. Papandreou declined to elaborate on the details of the diplomatic campaign his government intended to launch, but said the Speaking to reporters after efforts would be within the fra-three hours of talks with visiting mework of the U.N. resolution which condemned the Turkish-

He said he and Mr. Kyprianou had decided on what practical steps should be taken to reverse the declaration of independence. The ministers of foreign affairs

from Nicosia Thursday, said the two sides examined all aspects of the Cyprus problem and reached ions for the sol

Cyprus have decided to intensify ransigence, declared ind-

Cypriot state.

of the two countries. Yannis Haralambopoulos of Greece and George lacovou of Cyprus, also took part in the talks at the prime minister's office. Ar. Kyprianou, who arrived

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Mauritania.

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W. Sahara dispute

LONDON (R) - The Western Sahara conflict, where Polisario guerrillas report a renewed offensive by Moroccan government forces, has become one of the main issues of contention in Africa, at times disrupting fragile political unity in the continent.

Differences over nationalist attempts to win independence for the former Spanish colony have twice brought the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) to the brink of idisintegration,

After nearly a century of col-onial rule and following strong international pressure. Spain ceded the mineral-rich Western Sahara to Morocco and Mauritania in February 1976.

The North African countries, eager to exploit the phosphate mines in the territory, carved it up between them. Morocco took the northern two-thirds and Mauritania the south.

But they were quickly confornted by determined guerrillas who proclaimed the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR). SADR's El-Hamra and Rio de Oro (Polisario), backed by Algeria and Libya. launched a war against both countries.

Western Sahara is an arid zone of 266.000 square kilometres along the Atlantic coast between Morocco and Mauritania. A poor region, it is often ravaged by dro-

The area's population, of mainly Arab and Berber descent and largely nomadic and Muslim, was estimated by Spain at 75.000 in 1974, but the Polisario says it is about a million.

SADR, while keeping up military operations, launched a political offensive to win international support for its independence claim.

Mauritania yields

The first to yield under the Polisario's pressure was Mauritania. lis economy severely affected by the protracted war. Mauritania signed a peace pact with the Polisario in August 1979 relinquishing any claim to Western Sahara. It pulled out of the war despite

angry protests from Morocco which had deployed troops in Mauritania under a defence pact. Morocco, determined to hold

on to the territory, immediately took control of the area vacated by

The dispute over the territory put a severe strain on relations between Morocco and Algeria. which provided the Polisario with bases, military aid and political support.

The Polisario — some estimates put its strength at no more than 6.000 - adopted hit-and-run tacties to harass Moroccan garrisons in the province, sometimes inflicting heavy losses.

Desperate to stem the attacks. which at times spilled into Morocco proper, Rabat in 1980 erected the "Hassan wall", a 45(1kilometre earthwork defence system named after King Hassan.

Interspersed with minefields, the wall stretched from Ras El-Khanfra, at the foot of Morocco's Ouarkziz Mountains, southwards around the mining area of Bu Craa and back up to El Aaiun on the Atlantic coast.

Although the wall had an effect in stemming Polisario attacks, the front managed to maintain military pressure. In 1981 it briefly captured the garrison of Guelta

But SADR seems to have made a bigger impact by its political struggle than on the battlefield. About 50 countries have recognised the SADR republic, some

giving its envoys ambassadorial A dispute over recognising the Polisario nearly buried the OAU. which SADR was admitted in

An attempt to convene an OAU summit in Libya in 1982 was torpedoed over SADR's presence and in June 1983 the African group was saved at the last mom-

ent after delegates at another meeting agreed to put the Western Sahara issue aside. The conflict has defied several mediation attempts. While Morocco sees it as a bilateral dispute with Algeria, Algiers maintains

that any solution should be worked out between Rabat and the Polisario. The OAU has offered to sup-

ervise"a referendum of selfdetermination but King Hassan insists his country should organise it "to confirm the Moroccan identity of the Sahara

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lection of paintings, ceramics, and scu-toture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jahal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128. Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum):

Collection of military memorabilis dat-ing from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City. Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240. Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to

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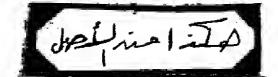
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Middle East events reflect on Christmas celebrations here

By Nafeh Abu Nab Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Christmas is a time of peace and enjoyment. However due to the latest develorments in the Middle East, this year's Christmas might be the most tense one for International

residents in Jordan. The French and American communities in Jordan don't seem to have scheduled any big events, or if they did, their officials didn't want to disclose it to the press.

Some French are staying here. some are going to France and others are going out of Jordan but not necessarily to France," said Patnice Paoli, the French press att-

The German society had a Christmas bazaar at Schneller School on Monday Dec. 12, and are planning to have a preacher from the West Bank to hold Christmas for their Protestant congregation and a local priest to hold mass for their Catholic congregation.

"We have no Christmas tree but we have a small olive wood relief representing the birth of Christ for Christmas." said Paul Peter Hoffer, a German who planned nothing more than a small feast with friends to celebrate Christmas.

'I'll probably just have dinner with my husband and some friends." said Judy Reiter, an American from Washington D.C. who arrived recently into Jordan.

"I am going to England for two weeks to celebrate Christmas with tamily and friends." said Phil Robins, a British native.

Some friends are going to Petra, and the Anglican Chaplain Keith Frazer Smith is giving a big lunch party, Robins said.

"I don't want to know about the planned events in Jordan, otherwise I'll feel bad for missing them." Robins added.

Phillip Carbone, an American working in the U.S. embassy, and his family seem to be excited about spending Christmas in Jor-

"I've made a lot of Christmas cookies and cakes," said Lilian,

socks for everyone with names on 'em." Christopher, Carbone's eight-year-old son, said excitedly. The Carbones have an artificial Christmas tree which they brought

with them from the U.S. The American School has planned a trip to Switzerland for Christmas, according to Mrs. Car-

"We are going to sing Christmas Carols with friends." said Anne Counsell who has a Christmas tree and "lots of presents" for friends.

She is planning on having a turkey dinner her boyfriend, Bill Lyons, and some close friends. I just want to have a quiet pea-ceful Christmas," she added.

The Swiss community had a Santa Claus party for 30 Swiss children, at the house of George Birchler, consul of Switzerland in

Presents from Switzerland were distributed to the kids. "Christian families in the Soviet Union celebrate Christmas individually." said Guehnadi Gatilov, of the Soviet Union, "but the New Year is celebrated officially. by eve-

"Religion and state are sep-arate." he added.

For the 3.000 Filipinos in Jordan there were no plans for a big party. or any massive con-gregations. Each is going to celcbrate Christmas on his own.

"I am having a small party for my close friends and relatives," said Emmanuel Contreras, a Filipino resident in Jordan. "We are going to sing Christmas Carols and exchange gifts. That's part of nur tradition." he added.

vlany families have also planned to spend Christmas at Petra. The Petra Forum Hotel has 811 rooms and it is almost fully boo-

"We have a programme for three days including plans to explore the nld city of Petra. Iuncheons and entertainment for the nights," said the hotel's representative.

Santa Claus will also be there for the kids.

It will all celebrated in a family tradition." he added.

27 graduate at Labour Nazzal Centre

AMMAN (Petra) - A graduation ceremony of 27 students was organised at the Nazzal Community Centre under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Sarvath.

Princess Sarvath also opened the bazaar organised by the centre and toured its various sections. The ceremony was attended by

Minister of Social Development In am Al Mufti.

under-secretary leaves for **ALO** meetings

AMMAN (Petra) - Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Labour Tayseer Abdul Jaber left Amman Friday to take part in the board meetings of the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) which will start Saturday in Sharjah io the United Arab Emirates.

Malhas holds talks with Chinese medical team

Health Zuhair Malhas Saturday conferred with the visiting Chinese medical team and briefed them on medical services in Jor-

Dr. Malhas expressed his hope for continuing exchange of mutual visits and expertise between Jordan and China in health affairs.

The Chinese team expressed admiration for the high level of Jordan's health services and it was

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of decided that a Jordanian medical delegation will visit the People's Republic of China early next year to get acquainted with the Chinese experience in health services.

> The Chinese team Friday visited Petra and the southern region They were accompanied on

their visit by Public Relations Director at the Minister of Health Tariq Na'im.

Basma opens women's centre

RUSAIFA (Petra) - Her Highness Princess Basma Thursday opened at the Working Women's Society in Rusaifa. a centre for producing wool fabrics and a kindergarien

Princess Basma also distributed diplomas to 16 female trainees on sewing and weaving. The trainee graduates had received theoretical and applied instructions in this

field for 11 months.

President of the society. Samira Salman, expressed appreciation of Princess Basma's support for the project and her donation of sewing machines and children's toys to the society.

She also thanked Rusaifa municipality for granting a piece of land for the society to construct a building on.



Islamic-Christian meeting warns of

Israeli terrorist actions in Holy Land AMMAN (Petra) -

Islamic-Christian meeting held in meeting said. Amman Friday has warned the Muslim and Christian worlds of

Christian and Islamic holy places character on Arab land. and the recent bombs that went off

Such attacks perpetrated by nion. Zionists are attempts to shake the steadfastness of the Arab pop-

An tement issued at the end of the and the foreign nations' attempts to strike the Palestinian resistance The statement said that Israel's in a bid to divert the world's att-

pursuance of its settlement polthe danger inherent in Israel's illicies, its support for the settlers' egal practices and terrorist actions attacks and terrorist actions dirin the occupied Arab lands and the ected against the indignant population, are part of Zionists' au-The meeting was called to dis- empts to Judaise the holy city of cuss recurrent Zionist attacks on Jerusalem and impose a Jewish

The meeting decided to set up a at a mosque and a church in Al joint committee to be entrusted Eizariyeh town in a Jerusalem with tasks aimed at providing proactions to the world public opi-

According to the statement the participants in the meeting also anisations to do everything posulation in the occupied lands and discussed the various dangers thresible to put an end to Israel's criweaken their resistance, a sta- eatening the holy places in general minal and terrorist actions.

leading Christian and Muslim figures and intellectuals decided also to send a cable to the U.N. Secretary General, the president of the Security Council, the World Council of Churches and other organisations, explaining the dangers that emanate from Israel's suburb injuring the mosque's tection on Islamic and Christian continued attacks on Christian Muezzin and one of the church's holy places and to expose Israel's and Islamic holy sites in the occunied Arab lands.

'Lack of proper implementation of Juvenile law leads to delinquencies'

By Afifah A. Kaloti Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The absence of proper social planning and organisation is the direct cause for the unsatisfactory situation facing our children" in the eyes of the law and in the way they are treated. former Chairman of the National Committee for Social Defence Taha Zahran said. Dr. Zahran was speaking at a

semmar last week entitled "Who Protects Our Children," anised by the Arab Women University Graduates' Club. Referring to the children's soc-

ial, civil and criminal legislations, Dr. Zahran said that they are of

oren as well as to the community's duties towards them which is based on the Declaration of the International Child Rights.

Pointing out some of these points. Dr. Zahran said that it includes the child's right to enjoy all rights defined without any sort of discrimination. He must also have the right to a special protection by making opportunities available for him to grow up physically, spi-ritually and socially in a healthy atmosphere.

The child, he added, should have sufficient nutrition, good shelter and medical security.

According to international rights, the child also has the right of compulsory education and has the priority to be rescued and protected in case of an emergency, Another international leg-

islation for the child is the right to protect him from all sorts of ignorance and cruelty, against imposed duties. Dr. Zahran said that the Jor-

danian legislation has adopted all these international principles but there is a big gap between theory and implementation."

The second group of legislations, Dr. Zahran said, is related to juvenile delinquencies and ways of correcting them.

Jordanian juvenile law youth falls for bringing up their children. between the age of seven and eigis not done directly by parents hut

Dr. Zahran said, include the simplification of trial procedures, the arrest, give the juvenile trial urgand to hold the trial sessions in places other than adult courts.

But unfortunately, Dr. Zahran said, there are merely provision that are not properly practiced.

dcuffing them." This is due to the drownings. poisoning and ele-The first group, he said, is rel- general education of the security ctrical shocks. ated to the various rights of chi-

which is against the law.

ersely affect the behaviour of the and physical difficulties for the youth, for when released "go back youth in the future. to the same old habit.

At the conclusion of his speech. international and local conas in the light of social defence research conducted in Jordan in experience, he recommended the establishment of a public institution for social defence of a legal nature and of an independent budget to take care of children and protect them.

He pointed out that child death in the Third World is partly due to the parents negligence. "The type He pointed out that the imp- of motherhood is strongly conlementation of these rights mostly nected with the child safety, phydepend on the way they are exe-sically and psychologically, beccuted and the funds available for ause mothers' concern clearly reflects on the kind of nutrition and cleanliness that bestows upon the

He added that parents who abuse their children are not fam-He said that according to the iliar with the essential principles

ention from the real problem in

The participants which grouped

The cables appeal to the org-

Dr. Touq said that negligence is

simplified method of abuse for it

other persons in the community.

ligence is over-running children

A perfect example on neg-

He said that statistics in Jordan

for such cases, that involve chi-

ldren below the age of 15, shows

that in 1481 it reached 66.6 per

cent. 1982 it reached 64.9 per cent

and until June 1983 it reached 65

He added that according to Al

Bashir Hospital statistics on the

types of parent abuse, most of

them are burns, severe wounds,

Dr. Toug emphasised the necd

the proper way to bring them up

"because they represent the fut-

hods of bringing up children are

bound to cause many social pro-

blems and lead to psychological

He said that unorthodox met-

ure of our country".

The Jordanian Juvenile Laws.

secrecy of the case, in arresting him not to use handcuffs during by vehicles. ency, authorises the juvenile institutions' directors to release a child in case of good behaviour

He explained that when a juvenile is arrested, he is treated very cruelly by beating them and han-

In respect to trial procedures. Dr. Zahran said that it is done in the same manner as adult trials

As for the treatment within the juvenile institutions, he described it as being cruel in a way that adv-

Dr. Zahran said that in the light of the repeated recommendations of ferences on social defence, as well 1979 and through his personal

Dr. Muhyeddin Touq of the University of Jordan who also delivered a speech at the seminar spoke on child abuse and neglect.

good enough to convey my most

grateful thanks and the thanks of

AMMAN - "An honest image of the current situation regarding agriculture in Jordan is necessary to eliminate bottlenecks and improve production and marketing", said Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin in an interview with the Jordan Times this week.

ional Consultative Council (NCC) debates on agricultural policy, the minister replied that the constraints affecting agriculture should be reviewed to try and improve the situation, although an ideal situation can never be achieved in a husiness such as agriculture due to external factors such as the weather, water supply

and fluctuating markets. Mr. Dudin went on to say: "It is very healthy phenomenon that agriculture is being discussed, whether positively or negatively. as this means that plant and animal production out of available land is an objective of paramount importance to any future development plan." Regarding current agricultural

policy and marketing strategies Mr. Dudin explained that at present there is an absence of an overall national plan for agricultural development, although there is an effere "to a large extent" in this emphasis towards self-sufficiency to meet local needs, thereby avoiding high transportation, packaging and marketing costs of exporting, However, Mr. Dudin said, that Jordan is interested in exporting agricultural produce although extensive market sutides are needed for securing profitable outlets. Mr. Dudin also said "Jordan is competing in a difficult position regarding exports due to the closure of traditional markets in the Gulf area, where there is now internal agricultural development in addition to competition from Greece and Turkey which are low-cost suppliers in order to obtain hard currency.

Mr. Dudin said the possibility of exporting to Europe was being investigated and that Jordan had the advantage of two seasons for production of vegetables in the Jordan Valley which could be expioned more fully, for example exporting winter tomatoes to dit Corporation (ACC) in their be good. Europe where they are otherwise efforts to ensure "good deals" for not available at that time of year. the Jordanian farmer. However, this prospect requires studies on demands. European Economic Community (EEC regulations and transport costs.

On current problems in agriculture, the minister said that

Asked about the current Nat- land fragmentation hindered large scale development, especially regarding wheat production where large spaces are needed, and land fragmentation also means that there are a large number of small

Jordan aims to improve

agricultural production,

Special to the Jordan Times

Mr. Dudin also said that although farmers have adopted modern techniques in plasticulture and irrigation, they are still traditional regarding the crops grown and are resisting crop diversification in favour of producing established crops such as tomatoes, cucumbers and eggplants.

The minister said that the situation is improving and that many farmers are increasingly aware that tomato production in high season is less profitable than in the winter and are adjusting production and crop varieties accordingly.

Mr. Dudin, however, feels that the government should not intmatter because crop protection. research and extension facilities are widely available to the farmers, who are now beginning to learn from their previous mistakes and are taking the initiative to improve their situation. The minister emphasised the

difficulties that would arise if the

ministry tried to enforce diversification or farm practises saying that the manpower and transport costs would be very high in addition to undermining the free enterprise of the farmers. Mr. Dudin went on to discuss the positive aspects of government intervention in agriculture which protect farmers, mentioning fixed prices for produce and the control of imports to ensure the sale of

local produce. He praised the activities of the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JOC). The Jordan Valley Farmers Association (JVFA) and the Agricultural Cre-The minister said that the est-

ablishing of the Jordan Processing and Marketing Company was a measure to regulate agribusiness hy controlled grading and packaging which would ensure quality danians.



control for the home market and for export and give the farmer a better price for superior quality produce. In addition, Mr. Dudin said, gluts could be absorbed by the processing plants and that the farmers still have a choice where

they sell their produce. Asked why the selling of shares in the company had been very slow, Mr. Mr. Dudin replied that the timing of the shares being released on the market was bad due to low money transfers and the Gull countries restricting their foreign labour which froze capital transfer because of the uncertain situation.

He added that although the farmers themselves had not bought a large number of the shares this was partly due to the lack of available funds at that time in the season but that merchants and hanks had been purchasing shares.

Mr. Dudin outlined important projects currently under discussion in the Higher Agricultural Council, notably studies on growing apples and increasing wheat production. He said that the potential for cultivating both wheat and apples is good as they require comparitively little irrigation from

artesian wells. He said that there are experimental stations in the Ma'un and Shobak areas in southern Jordan, that have produced excellent results in growing apples although

studies are still preliminary. On the subject of what, the minister said that feasibility studies will be carried out by the Natural Resources Authority (NRA) on water beds in the southern, mid. northern and eastern areas of Jordan to test the potential for irrigation. He added that although the initial investment will be very high, the expected returns should

Mr. Dudin concluded by saying The National Plan for agriculture should be an imaginative plan taking into account the high initial costs that would be entailed (at the beginning) and should use the knowledge and expertise of Jor-

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Pakistanis celebrate Jinnah's birthday anniversary

Pakistan Sunday celebrates the anniversary of the birth of its founder. Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who was born in 1876 and died in 1948. On the occasion of Mr. Jinnah's birthday anniversay, herebelow is the speech he delivered after receiving the first Jordanian envoy to Pakistan, in which he expressed the affection and regards of the people of Pakistan to King Abdullah and the people of Jordan.

Excellency Mohammad Pasha Al Shuraiki, minister of state, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of Jordan on Dec. 24, 1947, the Quaid-I-Azam Mohammad Ali linnah said: "It is a great pleasure and indeed a great previlege for me to welcome your excellency and your colleagues and to receive through you a message of good wishes and congratulations from His Majesty the King of Jordan on the achievement of independence by Pakistan. I assure your excellency that

In reply to the speech by His my government and the people of Pakistan greatly appreciate the gracious message of your August sovereign and the affection and regard expressed by the people of Jordan for their brethren in this country. I need hardly assure your excellency that the government and people of Pakistan heartily reciprocate the noble sentiments so generously expressed through your excellency's mission.

"In the struggle for freedom which the Muslims of this great subcontient had to face, the thought that we always carried with us

the sympathies of the Muslim World and particularly of such great torch bearers of Islam as His Majesty the King of Jordan, was a source of great encouragement and inspiration. It is all the more gratifying, therefore, for the people of Pakistan to receive this message on the occasion of their ind-

ependence. "I have no doubt that your excellency's mission will further cement the bonds of brotherbood and affection which exist and subsist between our two peoples. Islam is to us the source of our very life and existence and it has linked our cultural and traditional past so closely with the Arab World that there need be no doubt whatsoever about our fullest sympathy

"I request your excellency to be

for the Arab cause.

the people of Pakistan to His Majesty, your King, and to the people of Jordan for the good wishes conveyed to us through your excellency's mission. " Finally I have great pleasure in informing your excellency that my

government have agreed to the proposal of your government that there should be an exchange of diplomatic missions between Pakistan and Jordan. In the fulfilment of this desire. I am looking forward to the pleasure of welcoming to Karachi a representative of your great country.

"I am sure. my government and my people will do all they can to make your sojourn in Karachi happy and pleasant.

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Not a storm in a tea cup

IT is simplistic to think of Yasser Arafat's visit to Egypt Thursday the way his Arab and Palestinian opponents are putting it. But it would be equally foolhardy to think that his talks with President Mubarak could be described as just another storm in a tea cup.

The issue in question is the whole of the Palestine problem really - subjected this time to one of its crudest tests.

At least five of those radical Palestinian leaders, who opposed the PLO chairman's dramatic move to visit and talk with the Egyptian president, appeared on Syrian Television at the weekend to denounce strongly what they said was Arafat's "biotant violation" of the PLO charter. They agreed that the PLO chairman's "uniinteral" step should be rejected and also on the need to oust him from his position at the helm of the PLO. Among the five representatives were two from totally-Syrian-backed redical organisations, a representative of the Fatch rebels, the DFLP assistant secretary general and, more importantly perhaps, the PFLP leader, Dr. George Habash.

Habash, being the more interesting and powerful among the five, said Arafat would not be tolerated as PLO chairman any longer. What he (Arafat) did there (in Cairo), the PFLP leader told his viewers, is unforgivable: the man clearly wants to take us to Camp David. "He has to be ousted."

This reaction is typical of the man and his organisation - of the radical Palestinian movement generally. But what does it renlly mean? And what is to come of it?

Simplistic, we said, is to think that the issue of Arafat's visit with Mubarak was like what Habash and his colleagues make it. The visit may indeed be controversial, but is nowhere near being as black and white as the radicals in the Palestinian camp

put it. The less radical elements in the PLO, like those in the Fateh Central Committee meeting now and then in Tunis, and who really matter most in the final analysis, too have said their word. They detected themselves from any binding results from their senior colleague's talks in Egypt, but did not call for

anything like Arafat's ouster. Tough nuts, now; later, perhaps. Arafat has been the leader, you know why, because he is the one to always take the bold moves: first the gun, then diplomacy, and some wild - or survival - diplomacy whenever

Arafat is wily and shrewd enough to survive. If he got out of Tripoli against all the odds, he could not possibly afford to fail

Some even think that he would have never undertaken the "via-Egypt-trip" from Tripoli without full endorsement first from at least five powerful Fateh colleagues in the Central Committee.

Bui, be it what it may, Arafat's visit to Cairo this week is indeed tumultous and controversial. However, it cannot but be a calculated more, primarily designed to explore a speedy political option for a Middle East solution.

If there is a quick response to his signal, there may be a better chance to make early peace. Otherwise, it is just as well to forget it.

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Al Ra'i: Arab unity upsets Israel

ISRAEL HAS been clearly upset by the visit of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to Cairo on Thursday and more upsetting to Israel was the statement issued by the Egyptian cabinet underlining the importance of Jordanian-Palestinian cooperation for solving the Middle East issue.

Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has described the visit as a had omen for Israel since it signals a return of Egypt to the Arab fold and a re-unification of Arab ranks in the face of Israel's threats. Israelis see in the visit, and the cabinet statement, a measure that

would enhance Arah solidarity and pave the way for a concerted Arah front facing the Israeli enemy. A Jordanian-Palestinian cohesion can enhance the steadtastness of the Arab inhabitants in Israeli-held territories and can promote efforts towards achieving a solution to the Palestine problem — something not to the taste of the

Israel has always depended on divisions among Arah ranks which helped it to achieve its goals. The return of Egypt to the Arab fold and solidarity among Arah states are bound to upset Zionisi teaders as they foreshadow unfavourable surroundings for Israel and an uneasy future.

Al Dustour: Arafat's visit justifiable

NO DOUBT Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to Cairo on Thursday is justifiable because Egypt had offered support for the Palestinians during and after the Tripoli siege and protection and hospitality during their passage through the Suez Canal to North Yemen.

President Hosni Mubarak adopted a very honourable stand during the Tripoli siege and displayed Egypt's willingness towards returning to the Arab fold. Therefore Arafat's visit to Cairo was partly to offer gratitude to the Egyptian president and to work towards returning Egypt to the Arab Nation. This is a very logical thing to do given the situation Arafat was in. after his departure from Lebanon.

Sawt Al Shaab: A step in the right direction

EGYPT HAS showed surprise at Israel's anger for Arafat's visit to Cairo on Thursday. Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Israel has no right to interfere in this matter.

In fact Egypt values its relations with Arab states above all other considerations despite the fact that it had signed a peace treaty with Israel. Egypt has continuously condemned Israel's attacks on Arab countries and its invasion of Lebanon as well as its continued arbirrary measures against the Palestinian Arabs under its rule. Egypt's departure from the Arab ranks had actually shaken the Arabs and caused not only a shock but a great disaster for all Arabs. Its treaty with Israel has brought about disturbances inside Egypt and created for the Egyptian government many problems and headaches.

Christmas '83: Palestinians are still homeless

By Rev. Musa Adeli

The writer is priest of Jabal Al Hussein's Roman Catholic parish. He is also director of Jordan Caritas, a Catholic welfare society based in Amman with branches throughout Jordan. He circulated this article to 124 Caritas welfare societies throughout the world to mark this year's Christmas celebrations.

ONCE AGAIN the beautiful feast of the Nativity of Jesus draws near. Christmas and all that it evokes in the minds and hearts of the Christian - family gatherings, exchange of gifts and presents, carols all jostles for place in our memories alongside the deeper and eternal values which, however smotheted by the erosion of time. seem to surface once again in this season, eausing us to drop our adult sophistries and to stand beside the crib - and wonder:

We who live in this part of the world perhaps read with a slightly different appreciation that the rest of men, the Nativity story as fold in Luke's Gospel Chapter 11. He records a birth, a simple event; happening everywhere, every day. There is no need to wonder at such a mundane happening we say -- hut -- we are wrong. This birth in its magnitude of importance should have sha-Hered the universe and sent it spinning: instead it brought in a tew taitered shepherds from the nearby hills. During this momentous event the world

slept on unaware that anything unusual was taking place as Mary quietly wrapped her little one against the night's chill and Joseph pondered on the turn his life had taken. From our childhood we have been used to singing and saying that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We however, at this distance form the event, reflect on the cruelty of the edict which caused him to be born there? An edict which caused people to trek mile after weary mile, leaving behind all that was comfortable and familiar, in order to satisfy a power-hungry ruler as to the number of his acquired subjects. Luke records this event and ends with the senience full of pathos: "There was no room for them..." No room in the inn. No room, The town packed because the great Roman Caesar had mobilised the whole land in order to do his counting: the crowds oblivious of Mary as she threatened her way quietly through the crush demanding nothing and rec-

eiving less: Mary displaying the

true hallmark of real poverty

and littleness: Mary with her

needs urgent upon her, making no cry for some sort of consideration but knowing that soon, of utter necessity she must find a small space, a place. any place in which to lay before the uncomprehending world. Heaven's unspeakable gift.

The light of the people in Palestine at that time was not a happy one. Poverty. hardship and political impotence had volked them firmly to the oppresive domination of a foreign power. Do we not see a parallel today? Throughout the world there are Arabs, sprung from that same soil of Palestine and yet for them there is only one message emanating from that land, as there was for the newborn: "No room." Displaced from land and ancestry; stripped of national dignity and identity; relegated to inferior status to work out their destiny as best they can. They have no country. Do these four words not sound a note of tragedy in our minds? Can we for a moment imagine an American. Englishman. Frenchman, Jor-danian if there were no such countries as America, England. France or Jordan? What is the significance of a national name if it means nothing, if it does not manifest where I belong? But where does the Palestinian belong? Where is home? Is it in Israel? Lebanon? The Occupied West Bank? Jordan? Other Arab states or overseas? No. it is none of these places. The answer is as simple as it is destructive they have no home. Who any more hears the cry of these expelled and wandering people? The world shrugs as this nation goes from place to place with its begging bowl only to be told - no room, sort out your own problem. But - can it be sorted out? will the problem yield to a solution? Will the sprawling camps littered over the Middle East disappear or will they become a permanent way of life for these people? Will this mode of existence which of its very nature breeds and foments discontent continue until there is no-one left with a living memory of any other type of life? These questions beg answers. From where will the answer come? From the Christians of the world? from the Church? from the democracies of the West or from the Communist countries of the East? We do not know it seems, but one thing is surely certain: an answer will come. Someone somewhere will solve this problem sometime and in the solving might well create

wers to it all. Why does he not Could it be that we never ask

more horrific questions than

those faced today. In theory we

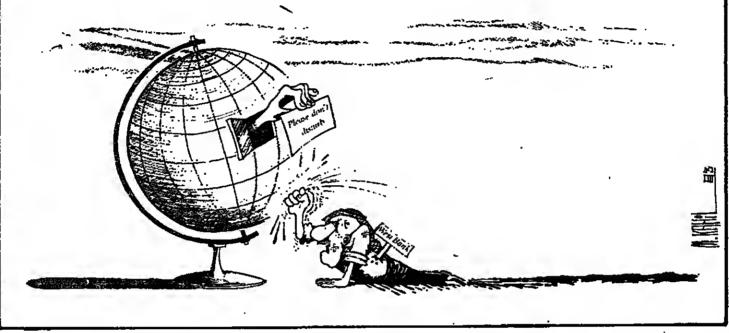
know that God holds the ans-

him? Could it be that the language we use is unknown to God. laced as it is with selfish and turn-in interests? Do we as the Christians of the world pray with that humility and trust that can move mountains but never does - because we always fall short of the full requirements of both trust and humility? Do we in our dayto-day life care enough to do something about this situation? Do we try to search out an answer not coloured by political expediency or religious bias?

The plight of the Palestinian is a dark shadow in our world. They are our brothers. Christian or non-Christian Christ loves them. He was born for them and wanted his birth to bring them life. Here we need to reflect on what Christmas message they receive at this season from us who claim to be followers of his. What must they think as they see us flock to our churches and cribs? What hopes rise in their hearts as they hear us sing our carols using such words as "he came to set us free." Do they see a connection between us. the professedly Christian people who by sheer definition must carry wide charity in the heart. and the tiny babe of Bethlehem whom we laud and fete? Or do they see a dichotomy in us our Christian values applied

While we this year enjoy once again this beautiful reminder of our Saviour's love for us, and whilst our thoughts fly, as they surely must, to Bethichem, let us think of it as it is today. A small town once again under occupation, nestled in the hills, the same hills which cradled that town in Jesus' time, a town from which the Arab population will be barred all over the Christmas season. A town in which the Arabs have suffered much and are still suffering: and for what do they suffer? What is their crime? Their crime is in wanting to live! Just that. Wanting a little space in the land of their fat-

During this lovely season let us open our hearts to these our brothers who have surely for too long heard the "no room" message. Let us somehow, each in our own way, make the Christmas message credible to these people. Let us search out ways of removing their refugee status. Christ's words still hold meaning today. What you do to others you do to me. Let us not be content to continue to give the 'no room' message to Christ, through these, his sons. Let us make him welcome through all those who need desperately to hear this message: -Come, there is room for you. - COME HOME.



Mitterrand: More of a Gaullist exposure

By John Morrison

PARIS - The political fortunes of France's President Francois Uliterrand appear to be on the mend thanks to a vigorous reassertion of his authority over foreign policy, though he remains vulnerable on the domestic front.

French political analysis have been quick to note the front in the way Mr. Mitterrand now adopts Charles de Gaulle, the man he bitterly opposed for so long.

After long denouncing the Fifth Republic's concentration of power in the head of state's hands as "permanent coup d'erat." Mr. most of Gen. de Gaulle's legacy.

He has used his wide powers over foreign and defence policy. particularly over France's nuclear deterrent, to project an image of naround. decisive leadership, turning potentially damaging reverses into victories.

When 58 French soldiers were blown up in Beirul at the end of October, Mr. Mitterrand boosted his standing at home by flying within hours to the scene.

He then sent French warplanes to strike the presumed authors of the attack at Baalbek, carefully delaying the raid until after a visit to France by Algerian President Chadli Benjedid.

The Baalbek raid may or may not have hit those responsible for the French soldiers' deaths, but it found its intended domestic target with pinpoint accuracy.

The result of Mr. Mitterrand's deft handling of the Lehanon conflict is that so far he has faced less domestic pressure to pull back his troops from the Multinational Force than the leaders of the Uni-

ied States. Italy and Britain. Both in the Mideast and in NATO's confrontation with the Soviet Union over medium range nuclear weapons. Mr. Milterrand's firmness has won the reluciant approvat even of his bitterest political enemies in the con-

servative opposition. Neo-Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac denies that Mr. Mitterrand has managed to shape a loreign policy consensus in French publicopinion, but in practice the opposition has found itself unable to

present a coherent alternative. The next six months will test Mr. Mitterrand's skills to the limit as france takes over the presidency of the European Community and tries to salvage an

agreement over budgetary and agricultural reform from the wreckage of this month's Athens summit.

Success in leading the 111-nation community out of crisis would pay double dividend for Mr. Mitterrand because France's presidency coincides with the runup to elections for the European Parliament at the end of June.

Failure to solve the community's woes, on the other hand. the monarchical style of General will mean a risk that the European poll will turn into a referendum on three years of Socialist domestic policy, an area where Mr. Mitterrand is more vulnerable.

While most opinion polls show Mr. Mitterrand's personal sta-Mitterrand is now making the inding recovering slowly to around 40 per cent from a low of around 30 per cent earlier this year, his Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy has tailed to make the same tur-

> While Mr. Mitterrand's presidential mandate runs for seven vears until 1988, the left faces parliamentary elections in 1986.

Most French commentators believe that Mr. Mitterrand will have to replace the tall, burly prime minister with a figure of broader appeal some time next year if the leli is to stand a chance of retaining its National Assembly majority in 1986.

The names most frequently canvassed are Social Affairs Minister Pierre Beregovoy. Finance Minister Jacques Delors and Industry Minister Laurent Fabius. All Mr. Mitterrand's pre-

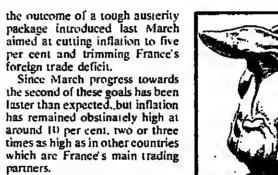
decessors under the Fifth Republic have picked new prime ministers midway through their terms of office in order to give their administrations a new lease of life.

Mr. Mauroy's strong cards for remaining prime minister are that he is popular among the Socialist rank and file and is the man best placed to keep the peace with the Communists, who have four ministerial posts.

For the time being the Communists have bowed to some tough political arm-twisting by their senior partners and declared that they will stay the course in government.

But Mr. Mitterrand, who has a long memory for past turnabouts by the Communists, knows that they might use the appointment of a new prime minister, particularly a praematist such as Mr. Delors or Mr. Fabius, to make a sudden dash for the exit.

Mr. Mitterrand's domestic fortunes in 1984 will largely hinge on



раппегь. While the basic aims of the austerity package have been swallowed by the Communists, as by the reluctant Socialist Party left wing, trouble is brewing for Mr. . Mitterrand and Mr. Mauroy over unemployment and industrial

redundancies. One of their proudest claims has been that they have managed to stabilise unemployment in France at two million, or around eight per cent of the workforce, a lower level than in most Western ind-

ustrialised countries. French employers say the govemment's use of early retirement packages and youth training schemes has disguised the real picture of declining industrial profitability and weakening job market since the Left came to power.

Seasonally adjusted unemployment jumped by 63,000 in November, a rise of 3.1 per cent over October, and some economists predict the figure will climb much faster next year.

The chances of this happening will largely depend on a series of tough decisions the government will have to take in the next new weeks and months on the future of French industry.





The government buffeted by internal strains, has faced enormous difficulties in trying to solve a dispute over redundancies at the Talbot plant in Poissy west of Paris, part of the private lossmaking Peugeot group. The car firm's management has

threatened to close the plant and shelve a modernisation programme because of government hesitancy in approving layoffs now likely to total about 1.900. The Talbot case, despite the

relatively small number of jobs involved, has erupted into a major headache for the government, illustrating the fragility of its relations both with trade unions and with employers. Industry Minister. Fabius. a

close Mitterrand protege, has made clear that government aid must be channelled into developing the new high-technology industries of tomorrow rather than protecting traditional sectors in decline. Mr. Talbot is seen as the first

practical test for the Fabius strategy. Thousands of other jobs are at stake in industries such as coal. steel and shipbuilding in 1984.

Some political sources believe Mr. Mitterrand wants the tough decisions to be made as soon as possible in 1984 in order to clear the decks for a softening of austerity and a modest reflation of the economy in 1985.

This, and the appointment of a new prime minister, would improve the chances of a leftwing victory in 1986, a possibility regarded as quite real in private by the opposition despite a recent run of victories in local elections, especially in the traditionally Communist "red belt" around Paris.

Uruguayans escalate struggle for political freedoms, democracy By Jimmy Barns

MONTEVIDEO - On the night that Argentina voted for its new civilian government, thousands of Uruguayans ran cheering through the centre of Montevideo as if it were they who were going to the

Within a week of that day. Oct. 30, there were countrywide strikes organised by the outlawed Communist-led trade union movement and a bloody battle between students and riot police which led to one death and hundreds of arrests.

Later, a rally organised by allthe political parties over 400,000 people, more than third of the population of Montevideo and the largest demonstration in Uruguay in more than 50 years.

The opposition wants the government to lift the bans on political activity and a free press which were enforced in August, before there can be any political understanding with the military. The army plans to hand over power to the civilians by March 1985, after elections in November 1984, but to retain limited participation in the government and the legal system.

It is difficult to find a Uruguayan politician today who will publicly endorse any army participation in the future government but the opposition parties are divided over tactics.

The division was underlined during the rally last month when a large number of demonstrators defied the orders of the official organisers to disperse and marched towards the Presidential Palace. Until recently the moderates within the two major political groupings - the Colorados and the Blancos - argued that it was best to avoid provoking the hardliners. But increasingly the moderates are having to revise their strategy to avoid being outflanked by more militant factions.

They are having to support the release of political prisoners and the return of thousands of exiles, matters previously only backed by radicals, particularly members of the Frente Amplio — the coalition of Christian Democrats. Communists, and Socialists.

The effectiveness of Uruguay's opposition remains largely conditioned by Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, the 65-year-old exiled leader of the Blanco Party. Mr. Ferreira was pipped at the post in the country's last elections in 1971 and his political stature has grown into mythical proportions while in

Mr. Ferreira now enjoys broad support including union and student groups and dissident members of other parties. His critics claim that much of his support would evaporate if he returned to Uruguay, just as many Argentines became disillusioned with the reality of Peron when he returned. Nevertheless no single politician can be sure of his own future as long as the myth persists.

The other uncertainty is the attitude of the military. The Uruguayan armed forces are not as deeply divided as those in Argfigure as in Chile. Nevertheless. his finger, say "I told you so." differences between hardliners Financial Times news feature

grouped around the ambitious President Gen. Gregorio Alvarez. and more moderate officers led by at least two generals and members

of the navy and airforce have blu-rred the military's response. Demonstrations have been violently suppressed one day and authorised the next: one newspapersuccessfully published a list of 17 Uruguayans who had been kidnapped by the security forces, but another was banned for printing a photograph of Mr. Ferreira. This carrot and stick approach has angered rather than

thwarted the opposition, adding a further factor of instability. A nationwide radio and televisio broadcast by Gen. Alvarez recently in which he chastised the politicians who staged the rally and urged Uruguayans to be on guard against "Marxist subversion" seems to have hardened

opposition. Immediately after the bro-adcast tens of thousands of people in Montevideo went to their doorways and windows and beat on pots and pans, a form of protest against the regime popularised in

Few observers envy the task faced by the country's newly appointed Economy Minister. Mr. Vegh Villegas, who has close links with moderate Colorados and Blancos. He will adopt a prime ministerial role, as the main intermediary between the gov-

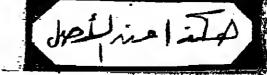
ernment and the opposition. Mr. Villages and Mr. Jose Maria Puppo, the central bank governor. are understood to have made their presence in the government conditional on the military sticking to its plan to hand over power. But they have not yet made clear how they intend to reconcile their defence of political reform with their commitment to an economic policy which had generated much of the current unrest.

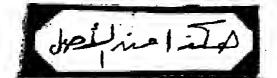
The International Monetary Fund is expected shortly to certify that Uruguay has met the monetary and fiscal targets for the third quarter, thus paving the way for the release of a further tranche of \$50 million from its \$400 million credit agreement. But although the belt-tightening of the last two years has helped Uruguay reschedule over a quarter of its \$4.2 billion foreign debt - the biggest per capita in South America - it has not alleviated domestic economie problems.

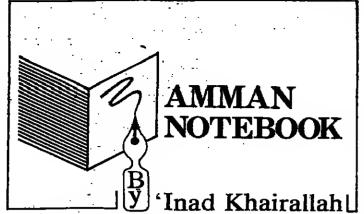
The country recently recorded its highest ever unemployment rate of 16 per cent, while Gross Domestic Product over the year has fallen by six per cent. Real salaries over the last 12 months have dropped by 25 per cent, adding a further strain to an already greatly impoverished country.

Economists elose to the government believe that the recession has hit bottom and that there will be an upturn in the first half of. next year, particularly if the IME agrees to loosen some of the targets contained in the current age

If Mr. Alfonsin's government fails, in Argentina, there will be more than one Uruguayan hardliner in uniform prepared to look enting nor as solidified around one across the river and with a wave of







THE OTHER DAY I was at a suburban post office with an armful of letters and patiently waiting in the queue for my turn to buy stamps. By "an armful" I mean no less than 50 letters, all containing circulars about a new product our company has introduced in the market and my boss thought it would be a good idea to sent out eirculars on it. I am sure my boss considered it a brainchild of his and I did not have the cruelty to tell him it is a common practice all over the world. Also, I always remember the old saying. "The boss is right, even when he is wrong: that is, if you want to keep our job.

So there I was, at the post office with half a dozen others ahead of me and the counter clerk sipping tea and ignoring the people in the queue. "I am in a hurry please, so you please." came a pleading from up front and the clerk glared at the source of the voice. "Let a man have some tea at least." the clerk growled, and of course nobody did have any counter argument. But a boy couple of turns ahead was whispering." If he takes 10 minutes to have a cup of tea, I wonder how much he takes to

Suddenly a bright smile lit up

the clerk's face as if someone just informed him he had won the fortnight's lottery. But a glance behind me proved how wrong the assumption was. It was not a lottery ticket, but a beautiful girl who had walked in. By this time everyone was staring at the girl, for it was sure a welcome change to staring at the ceiling until the elerk finished his tea.

The girl made some motions of joining the queue but was looking expectantly at the clerk. And sure enough, the clerk had transormed himself into the most jovial man in the world and it would have take some coffee-reading to locate the glass of tea he has just had, seconds before. "How are you?" he greeted the newcomer and beckoned her to go forward. With a triumphant smile at the rest of us, the girl glided forward. "I am fine." she whispered at the clerk in a husky voice and we could all see the person of her attention was about to melt. "Will you fegister these letters for me please?" The clerk almost split his lips smiling and said: "Of course, lady," and took the proffered letters. The way he pasted the registered number labels, wrote the certificates of registration and handed them over

the counter really consoled me. If

Alexander the Great might have envied he could work so fast it would not take more than a couple of min-

utes for my turn. I reasoned. "How much?" the golden voice asked again and the clerk started scribbling furiously on his pad. "Seven hundred and fifty fils." he said, and the girl gave him a five-dinar note. "Let us see you more often." he told the girl as he handed over the change. "Oh. thank you". The girl was halfway to the door as she threw these words at him over her shoulders. It seemed that the boy up ahead

was a real troublemaker. He whi-

spered in a loud voice: "The next time I come here I would remember to wear a skirt so that I get VIP treatment." The clerk of course heard the remark, as it was meant to. "I do not know how civilised you are." he snapped at the boy. "Didn't you see it was a girl and don't you know women always deserve priority?" The boy seemed bent on antagonising him. "Yes, you are right. The problem is her sex only." he said, "and nobody could fail to notice it." And I knew it was going to be a long wait for me, what with arguments like this. But a middleaged man somewhere in the line

"Well, that is what I'm trying to do," the clerk said, obviously pleased with the intervention, "Didn't you see, brother, it was a girl and she deserved priority?" But the middle-aged man was smart. "My evesight is not that good nowadays," he excused him-

intervened. "Come on, we did not

come here to argue." he said. "Let

us get on with what we came here

Muttering under his breath the clerk started his job and the queue slowly inched forward and I kicked myself for nursing the idea that he was very fast in his work. The quick work he produced while offering services to the girl was nowhere in sight as he handled the rest of us. A girl up ahead, apparently a maid servant from southern Asia (darkish and obviously not at all appealing to the clerk to include in his category of

women'), was told to change the envelope because it was "not properly sealed." An old man was told to affix the registration number label by using his saliva. And the middle-aged man's han-dwriting was commented on, how illegible it looked and then came the turn of the troublemaker boy. He bought stamps worth 475

fils and gave the clerk a half-dinar note. "I have no change." the clerk was ready for the boy. "Give me stamps for 25 fils more so exactly 500 fils." the boy said. apparently in no mood to carry the conflict further. "But I have no 25 fils stamp," the clerk said. "Okay then, you keep the change." the boy offered, and picked up his stamps from the counter. "What the hell do you think offering me a tip?" the clerk snatched the stamps from the boy. "Go get the exact 475 fils change and come and get your stamps."

The half-dinar note was almost thrown at the boy and I immediately thought of mysell ending up in the nearest police station as a witness to a real brawl. No such luck. The boy just looked at the clerk, picked the note and out he

I looked at the clerk. There it was, the triumphant look on his face, which I doubted whether Alexander the Great himself had. after conquering the whole world.

A day at the post office: A conquest that

The man in front of me was also dismissed for lack of change and I suspected his crime was standing next to the boy. I did some fast calculation and decided to buy 48 stamps of 125 fils each so that the same fate would not await me.

"Forty-eight stamps of 125 fils each please." I pushed six dinars over the counter. "Go downtown to the big post office." I was told. we do not have such a big quantity of stamps." I tried to tell him I did not ask him for 4.80tt stamps but only for 48. The clerk had no ears for me.

I drove all the way downtown, parked the car at one of those new ultramodern lots where a machine gives you a card at the entrance to calculate the parking charges and walked to the post office.

So I was in a line at a post office for the second time in a day and soon it was my turn at the counter. I wanted 55 stamps of 125 fils each and I got to the counter without much difficulty other than another man approaching me with a request to huy him stamps so that he did not have to stand in the same queue and I politely declining lest the people behind me object. The relief I had on reaching the

counter vanished the moment the clerk handed me the stamps. They were of 60,40,10 and 5 fils, which meant I would have to spend one hour affixing live stamps on each envelope, 275 stamps in all for 55

I contemplated the idea of going back to the office and dumping the whole thing in the lap of our executive secretary but the memory of a recent episode made me drop the idea. That time, the secretary did affix the stamps but displayed the envelopes in such a prominent place on her table where the boss would not fail to notice them. Sure enough, he noticed them and was

told that I was supposed to have

taken them to the post office but

since I volunteered only to buy

stamps the posting was not done. In addition, the secretary informed the boss that it took her all day (including the time she went down to the hairdresser when the boss was not around) to affix the stamps, resulting in delaying a number of pressing tasks she was supposed to do. (I had to hand it to her for the most plausible excuse lor her own shortcomings that time; and it also had made me realise the truth of what the troublemaker boy said earlier of "not wearing a skirt." since the boss

ived that day, and instead chose to: give me a reproachful look). Having decided against being subjected to a repetition of the episode I gathered the stamps and went over to the nearest public desk and got down to husiness. The problem of the envelopes not having enough space for the stamps was easily solved; aftix

had no time to listen to my arg-

ument that I was busy with some

out of town businessmen who arr-

three in the front and two on the I was so much engrossed in my work it startled me to get a bump on the back and the immediate

thought that came to my mind was what was the latest crime I committed, for the bump reminded me of a hit I received sometime earlier from a Lebanese policeman in the

streets of Beirut. I looked up and there he was, an oldtime acquaintance of mine (I would not call him a friend because I am careful of the company I keep:. Suppressing my anger I did the pertunctory handshake and inquired what he was doing at the post office.

It appeared that he wanted to send a relegram but forgot to pick up his ID and so he was in a fix. The telegram was very urgent concerning the death-bed situation of one of his relatives and even after seeing the message, the telegram elerk sternly demanded to see his ID, without which the regulations did not permit telegrams to be accepted.

envelopes and stamps and who 'way. would finish what I was doing. He send the cable, and the task of joining another queue fell on me

money my "triend" gave me and the calculations and put her pen to looked up.

"Is this your ID?" she asked. Well, my photograph was there and it should satisfy her. I said. "But you are not the sender as

given in the cable, are you?" she asked, pushing the cabic forms and the ID back over the counter. I said yes, she was right. But the telegram was very urgent and the actual sender could not come. hence my presence. I told her.

Nothing doing," she ruled, "Enher you change the sender's name to yours or you bring the sender's Well, she had a good point there. I conceded, but how the receiver of the telegram would read to the message "Uncle serious, start immediately." from me.

a name he never heard in his life

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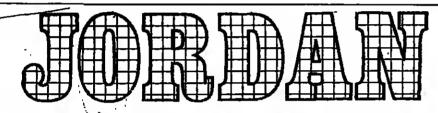
business." she replied. So. I trotted back to my friend' who was busy affixing the stamps to the envelopes. Regretfully I informed him of the situation. handed him his cable and money and thanked him for doing my job affixing the stamps. "Your are welcome," he gestured, "now let

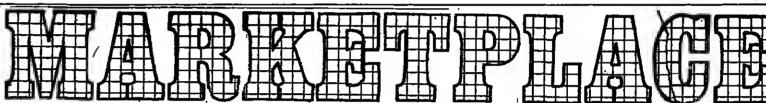
me go and get my ID." "By the way give me your tel-ephone number, he said, "so that we can stay in touch." I did not have a business card so I jotted "Do me a favour." my friend down my office telephone number told me. "please produce your 1D in a piece of paper which I found in and send this cable. I said okay, I my pocket and gave him. After did not mind, but what about my another handshake, he was on his

I returned my attention to the volunteered to do it by the time I envelopes and thought I should reassess my opinion of my friend,

But a close scrutiny of the envelopes made me change my mind Well, I reached the counter, tast, and curse his whole genproduced the cable (plus two car-eration, including the uncle in ocabon copies) and my ID, plus the thhed; Some of the envelopes had stamps worth 200 fils, some had waited expectantly as the clerk did 150 fils and the others had the rest

I telt like tearing my hair, and to the receipt book. Suddenly she engage my hands otherwise pulled out my packet of eigarettes from the pocket. And then it dawned on me that the "piece of paper" I gave my friend with my telephone number was the computer ticket of the parking lot













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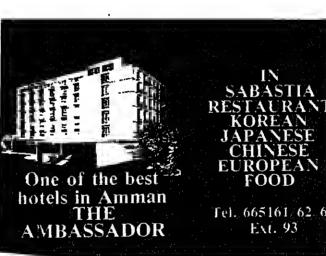
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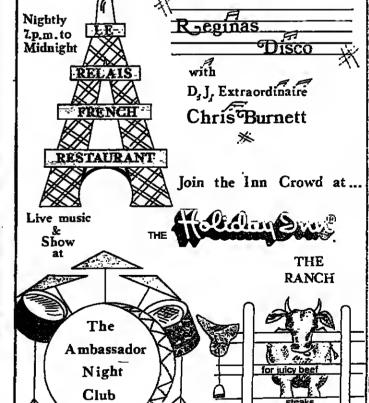
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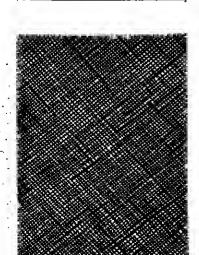
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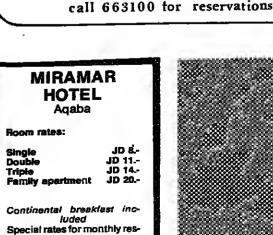


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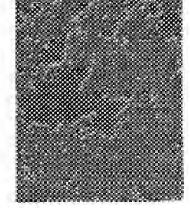
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Cup final dilemma for Australian tennis captain

MELBOURNE (R) — Australia's non-playing Davis Cup tennis captain: Neale Fraser remains in a dilemma over his choice of singles' players for the final against Sweden starting at Kooyong here on Mon-

Fraser said the singles berths were more open this week than at any time in his 13 years as captain. while Sweden are in the contrastingly settled position of having in-form Mats Wilander and Joakim Nystrom as their likely singles pair.

Australia will use Paul McNamee and Mark Edmondson as their doubles combination, but Fraser's problem is whom to pick for the singles from John Fitzgerald. Pai Cash and Edmondson.

Fitzgerald was the hero of Australia's unexpected semifinal victory over France in Sydney. but has suffered severe lapses of form this week.

Cash has a fiery nature as he showed in match practice sessions marked by outbursts of temper. but he demonstrated fine touch and accuracy on Saturday.

The experienced Edmondson continues to underline the power of his serve-and-volley game which could give him a singles spot

Fitzgerald's ability to rise to the

big occasion, as shown with his magnificent win over French Open Champion Yannick Noah in the semifinal, is a factor in his favour. On the other hand. Fraser's reliance on current form could tell against Fitzgerald.

Australia seek their third Davis Cup final victory under Fraser's captaincy fallowing the 5-0 rout of the United States in Cleveland in 1973, and their triumph over Italy in Sydney in 1977.

Yet Sweden, aiming for their second cup win, have seen their prospects soar since arriving in Australia as the underdogs with little grass court form.

The Swedes have been boosted by landing Australia's two majnr grass court titles - Wilander taking the Australian Open and Nystrom winning the New South Wales Open.

Swedish captain Hans Olsson said he was confident his team would win, while Fraser said he expected Australia to take the first three clashes - and the cup.

The draw will be made at Kooyong Sunday morning.

Sydney-Hobart yacht race record could be threatened

SYDNEY (R) - The prospect of a sirong southerly breeze for the start of the Sydney-Hobart yacht race on Monday could see the race record, set by the giant American yachı Kialoa, broken.

The two biggest yachts in this year's blue water classic, the American Sloop Nirvana skippered by Marvin Green and the Bermudan Maxi Sloop Condor helmed by insurance broker Bob Bell, will be chasing Kiatoa's record of two days 14 hours 36 minutes 56 seconds set in 1975.

A weather bureau forceast Saturday morning predicted a strong "southerly blow" winds gusting upwards of 25 knots at the time of the race's scheduled start + and Nirvana's sailing master viike Keyworth said: "If we get conditions that have been forecast, it will definitely suit us. The tresher the conditions and the bigger the slow the more we

The prospect of a strong southerly breeze means the record fleet of more than 170 yachts may take off under a full spinnaker for the third time in the past tive

At Saturday's final briefing Rear Commodore Gordon Marshall, chairman of the race committee, said that at least 15 yachts had broken the start of last year's

No action was taken against the offending yachts. but Marshall warned that a repeat of any such intringements would not be tolcrated on Monday.

"Any yacht or yachts which are over the starting line when the sig-nal is given will be noted by the starter and the offenders notified by radio 30 minutes after the start." he said. "The offending yachts will then be required to ret-urn to the starting line by thee disqualitication.

While the battle for line honours appears to rest between the two biggest yachts. Nirvana and Condor, the tussle for handicap

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U.S. wrestling champion Lee Kemp is expected to be a strong con-tender for the gold medal at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los

U.S. wrestling star lacks only a gold medal

By Stephen T. Holland

LOS ANGELES - U.S. threetime world freestyle wrestling champion Lee Kemp wants to be known as the best in the sport wor-Idwide. And he's going to try for it at the 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California.

Jessica Kemp knows this about her son, known it ever since Lee was a tot growing up in Cleveland. Ohio. Lee liked a good fight, liked it even better when he won. In today's amateur wrestling

world, few ever bother the 73.35-kilogramme wrestling specimen either. He's compiled a litwins include a PanAmerican Games title, four World Cup titles, three world crowns and three U.S. titles.

The biggest title - at least the one that certifies him as a great wrestler in the eyes of the world is still missing from his resume. though. That's an Olympic title. That's more than keeping Kemp interested in the sport.

He's disappointed about the 1980 Otympic Games. Had it not been for the U.S. boycott of Moscow games. Kemp might have already won his gold medal, been satisfied and finished with wrestling.

Instead, the United States and several other countries, boycotted those games, held in Moscow. These days Kemp is more thoughtful of the lost opportunity than he was in those days.

Life became uncertain, although not as far as wrestling went. No doubt about that decision. He would wrestle and wait for the 1984 games in Los Angeles.

"I'm 26 now." he says. "I've only come to realise lately maybe there are reasons for things."
Missing the 1980 Olympics was

bad for him. Yet deciding to study for an advanced business degree is good. "If I had competed in the heen in graduate school." he says.

And, as Kemp says, those illlated Olympic Games have "allnwed me to lose a few more times.

"Losing makes me realise how much I want to win." he explains. "I haven't lost that much. People always see me winning. But even the little I've lost is too much for

Kemp is still picking his shots these days. He doesn't wrestle unless it's against the best the world has to offer.

And Kemp says he could win by bigger margins but he's not interested in "humiliating anyone." Dave Schultz, once of Oklahoma University, appears to be Kemp's biggest challenger for the U.S. Olympic spot.

No clues on missing Jules Rimet trophy

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Police far higher than its material worth. said Saturday they are no nearer tracing the stolen Jules Rimet Cup after questioning several people. including former Brazilian foottball Association headquarters staff.

Despite appeals from leading members of the Brazilian sporting scene no leads to the cup's whereabouts have arisen and police, believe it may already have been melted down for its 1.8-kg gold content to be sold. The cup was won outright by

Brazil after its three world soccer championships. : Insurers of the tropby bave offered five million cruzeiros

(\$5,250) for information leading to its recovery. The association's president.

Giulite Coutinho, bas appealed to the Brazilian people to help find the cup, saying its spiritual value is

The association has also offered a one million cruzeiro (\$1.050) reward for incormation leading to

Brazilian newspapers have carried reports of Brazil's greatest football idol Pele. who played in all three of Brazil's triumphant World Championships, as saying the robbery was a consequence of the country's social problems.

"It is not the fault of the thieves. but of the authorities, because the people are desperate, without money and without food," he was

quoted as saying.
Cnutinho said shortly after the robbery last Monday night he understood the cup was stolen by two men who overpowered the night porter at the Brazilian association's headquarters and then stole the trophy, along with three other cups, from a display cabinet.

Japanese climber sees mystery corpse on Everest

KATHMANDU (R) — One of about 8,200 metres. The identity three Japanese climbers who con-of the frozen corpose was not nuered Mount Everest earlier this known, although Yamada said he quered Mount Everest earlier this month said Saturday he spotted an unidentified corpse on the icy upper slopes of the world's highest

Norboru Yamada, 33, climbing eader of a 10-member Japanese mountaineering team, said they had not found the body of noted Japanese alpinist Yasuo Kato, who is presumed to have died from exposure after making a solo mid-winter ascent of the 8,848 metre summit a year ago. But he said be saw a new body at

believed it to be that of a big man. He said he could not see the face

as the body was lying face downwards. The body was wearing a heige jacket, blue trousers and yel-In the sub-zero temperatures of

Everest, bodies are preserved for years, Several summiters over the past four years have spotted the body of Mrs. Hannelore Schmatz, who persibed at an altitude of about 8,500 metres in October

American sprinter named 'world champion of champions'

PARIS (R) - American sprinter 4x100 metres relay to a world rec-Carl Lewis has been voted "world champion of champions" for 1983 by a panel of international joumalists, the French sports newspaper l'Equipe said Saturday.

Lewis, who won individual gold medals in the 100 metres and long jump at the world athletics championships in Helsinki in August. also anchored the American

American tennis star Martina Navratilova was second in the poll, which was organised by the newspaper, with West German swimmer Michael Gross third.

The panel included sports writers from some of the world's leading newspapers.

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Pakistan to decide team on Monday

will not decide until the morning of the march whether to include Imran Khan, their captain and star all-rounder, in the team to play Australia in the fourth cricket test

starting here on Monday. "There's no pressing need to announce the team now." Imran said Saturday... We have one more practice session to go before the test and we'll wait and see what happens."

Despite Imran's hesitation to confirm his position, team manager Intikhab Atam has said it is almost certain he will be play but will not bowl.

"He (Imran; has been told by our doctor that he can do a bit of jugging and batting but no bowling." he said.

imran, who has been sidelined

VELBOURNE (R) - Pakistan for tour months by a fracture in his left shinbone, was impressive at net practice Saturday.

"I will be happy if I can make the side as a batsman." he said. Pakistan, down 1-tt in the series. have been hoping that Imran's return will boost their morale.

Australia will go into the fourth test without fiery South Australian paceman Rodney Hogg who has declared himself unfit and has been replaced in the 12 by ')ueensland speedster John Mag-

Maguire has impressed the selectors recently with some fine fast bowling performances. He took 10 wickets in a Sheffield shield against Western Australia lat weekend, taking his total to 99 first class wickets.

The Australian pace attack that caused Pakistan continual problems in the first two tests will now be without both Hogg and Carl Rackemann, but Imran said this would not make much difference

to the side. "Hogg was in the team that drew with us in the third test in Adelaide and we still managed to

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make more than 600 runs," he said. "if the Melbourne wicket plays low and slow then it is most likely

to suit the spinners and the batsmen. You can be sure that we will give a good performance in this But veteran Dennis Lillee could

relish the prospect of bowling at the Melbourne cricket ground. where the ball often swings in humid air.

It predictions that the wicket will take spin late in the match prove true. New South Wales spin dun Greg Matthews and Murray Bennett could offer Australia extra hope.

Manhews, a 24-year-old off pinner and Bennett, 27, a leftarm Orthodox spinner, have both been included in the Australian 12. due to arrive here late Sunday.

The Australian squad is: Kim-Hughes (capi). Rod Marsh, Allan Border, Murray Bennett, Greg Chappell, John Maguire, Geoff Lawson, Dennis Lillee, Greg Matthews. Wayne Phillips, Kepler Wessels and Graham Yallop.

MFA to hold inquiry into 12-1 defeat

VALLETTA (R) — The Maliese Fnotball Association (MPA) is to hold an inquiry into the 12-1 defeat the national side suffered by Spain in a European soccer championship qualifying match on Wednesday.

Malta's thrashing in the final group seven fixture in Seville meant that Spain qualified for the finals in France next year at the expense of the Netherlands, who earlier in the week beat Malta 5-0 in Amsterdam.

Spain went into the match knowing they had to win by 11 clear goals to deny the Dutch a trip to France. The executive council of the

MFA said Friday night it was apppinting a board of inquiry to inv-. estigate the reasons behind the mauling by Spain.

It will consist of independent members within the MFA, members from both government and opposition in the Maltese parliament and a representative of the Maltese Sportswriters' Association. It will be headed by an independent chairman who will be a lawyer.



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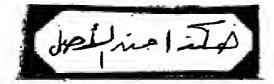
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Trud criticises quality of Soviet plants' output

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet factories are producing millions of roubles worth of rubbish each year, the trade union newspaper Trud said

It complained that in 1983 alone the consumer and electric goods industries manufactured more than 70 million roubles (590 million)

worth of products which had to be scrapped. In some factories the situation was so bad that the output of defective items exceeded that of saleable wares. Inferior production also affected other branches of the economy.

too, Trud said. It cited the case of one mineral water plant which had been filling

bottles with tapwater. State inspectors were now imposing fines totalling 30 million roubles (\$39 million) a year on the offenders but these had little effect as

factories had no trouble finding the money, it added. The newspaper said the basic problem was that industrial performance was still measured in quantity instead of quality and that it

was time the criteria were changed.

It also suggested that the salaries paid to industrial managers should be directly linked to the quality of the goods their factories

European Commission wants to stop national trade controls

BRUSSELS (R) - The European community Commission wants member states to give up their right to take national measures to block imports from third countries.

The commission said in a statement Fridey that current regulations permitting such action were an anomaly which should be dropped to eliminate the last mejor barrier to community-wide import reg-

Current rules allow member states to act unileterally against imports damaging their netional market, and to seek commission approval afterwerds, with the possibility of an eppeal to the Council of Ministers, which represens all 1tl governments. Commission sources said a case earlier this year in which Italy

restricted imports of steel tubes and continued the measures for months in defiance of the commission illustrated the need for reform in order to harmonise community-wide trade policy.

The commission said it would ask the council of ministers to change the regulations to give responsibility over import controls exclusively to community agencies.

Meanwhile. Washington has once again become e hive of pro-tectionist lobbying on behalf of the U.S. carbon steel industry. The lobbying this time is focused on steel imports from Third World countries and there are fears that the carefully-crafted export licensing agreement reached last year with the European Community 1E.C.1 could be overturned in the struggle against these competing

Tension could keep dollar high in 1984, experts say

NEW YORK (R) — The laws of economics suggest the dollar should fall from its recent record highs in 1984, but many economists and dealers around the world say the value of the U.S. currency could remain very high in

the coming year. Predictions of a fall in the dollar's value were confidently made at this time a year ago. They proved wildly wrong and the dollar advanced 17 per cent against the West German mark, 26 per cent against the French franc, and 15 per cent against sterling, with only the Jepanese yen holding most of its ground.

The experts said the dollar rose to record levels because of exiraordinary large capital flows into the United States.

A poll by Reuter correspondents in world financial centres shows that expectations of international tension, which has fuelled the capitel flows, could continue to give strong support to the dollar and could even override the economic fundamentals that suggest it should fall.

In the United States itself, some economists say the dollar could fall sharply if U.S. inflation seemed to be quickening, if political tensions lessened or if the Democrais offered a serious challenge to the Republican presidential candidate, presumably President

Reagan, in November's election. A typical view came from MI. Mathis Cabiallavetta, head of the foreign exchange department at the Union Bank of Switzerland. who wrote in the Swiss newspaper Finanz und Wirtschaft that a renaissance of economic fundamentals - the facts and figures of national economic performance. - could depress the dollar.

He attributed the greatest recovery potential to the Japanese yen and West German mark, folowed by the Swiss franc.

In 1983 the dollar rose xorably despite spiralling U.S. payments deficits.

Citicorp economists see the merchandise trade deficit widening in 1984 to \$75 billion from \$63 billion in 1983 and the current account gap, which includes services as well as goods, to \$47 bil-lion from \$39 billion.

Conversely. Frankfurt eco-nomists say the mark is weak despite positive fundamentals including a growing economy, steady inflation and a healthy current account surplus.

This is partly because of the flick bribery affair, which threatens to topple Economics Min-ister Otto Lambsdorff, the bailout of private bank Schroeder, Muenchmeyer. Henest und Co. and the bankruptcy of the construction equipment makers IBH Holding and Wibau.

Another factor weakening the mark has been the arrival of NATO missiles in West Germany.

Mr. Tom Miller of Hudson Research Europe in Paris said the poor U.S. current account outlook and slowing capital flows into the United States should allow a weaker dollar and a firmer mark in 1984. But he forecast that higher inflation in France than in West Germany would force a further devaluation of the French franc against the mark.

Chief economists and dealers at Switzerland's three largest banks forecast e lower dollar because of the U.S. current account gap, higher U.S. inflation, a slight fall in nominal U.S. interest rates and a somewhat larger decline in real

U.S. interest rates, which take inflation into account But the slide will be limited by

the dollar's safe haven role, they added. Mr. David Kern, chief eco-

nomist at London's National Westminsrer Bank, forecast a declining but resilient dollar. The dollar has assumed all the

characteristics of a hedge currency." he said. "Instabilities that used to favour gold now favour the dollar."

Japanese dealers and economists said the yen was set to firm, despite temporary political uncertainties in Tokyo, but this would be limited by continuing high U.S. interest rates.

The yen is expected to appreciate against the dollar only gradually." said Mr. Kohsaku Furata. chief economist at Dai-Ichi Kan-

Mr. Yasuo Ishi-1. Dai-Ichi's chief dealer. added; "President Reagan is unlikely to take the risk of a resurgence of inflation by reducing interest rates in the year of the presidential elections."

The outflow of capital from Japan into U.S. securities will continue if U.S. interest rates remain high and political tension in the Middle East casts doubts on Japan's oil supply lines. Japanese bankers said.

U.S. economists mostly agree with the consensus of a gradual dollar fall, though the combination of the huge federal budget deficit and tight monetary polcy is expected to keep interest rates under upward pressure.

Mr. Bryan Walsh, senior vice president at Irving Trust, saw the dollar weakening but staying basically strong.

U.S. underground economy estimated at 7.5% of GNP

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Meanwhile, when Congress

reconvenes on Jan. 23, it will con-

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deficit that all sides agree is a fiscal

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the White House and Congress.

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before too long to narrow the dif-

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ernment spends.

WASHINGTON (R) — A new U.S. congressional study estimates the so-called underground economy that eludes federal government taxation at about \$222 billion, 7.5 per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP).

This figure is less than previous relied on 'data and metestimates, hut still implies a large loss of federal tax revenue due to unreported economic activity. Senator Roger Jepson said.

Senator Jepsen, an Iowa Republican . is chairman of the joint economic committee, which commissioned the study by Dr. David O'Neill, chief of the U.S. Census Bureau's socioeconomic studies branch.

Dr. O'Neill's research was based directly on the current U.S. population survey and could be considered the most reliable study yet done of the underground economy. Senator Jepsen said.

The term underground economy includes anyone engaged in economic activity that is not reporied to the internal revenue serice for taxation.

Previous estimates have placed he underground economy at between 5 and 20 per cent of GNP. but Dr. O'Neill said the new analysis suggested it might not be nearly as large as indicated by some researchers and the media.

He concluded: "It is unlikely that the previous indirect estimates that put the unmeasured underground economy at near 20 per cent of official GNP are

Dr. O'Neill added that full-time workers in the underground economy, especially those in illegal businesses, earned between 50,000 and \$100,000 a year.

the report, said previous estimates of the underground economy had

Mr. Jepsen, in his foreword to

makers are traditionally wary of making tough decisions for fear of

losing voter support.
"There is real danger of political stalemate in the coming year over the budget deficit." says Scnator Robert Dole, chairman of the

Senate finance committee. But conservatives and liberals say the United States cannot live forever with the prospect of \$200billion deficits stretching into the future, as U.S. budget director Mr.

David Stockman said, "as far as

the eye can see.' Such deficits are financed by borrowing and are widely blamed for keeping U.S. interest rates high and contributing to the dollar's recent surge on world foreign exchange markets.

Senator Dolc's Republican-The question is how and when. controlled committee has been A growing consensus is ome-holding hearings to focus domestic rging that Congress will make lit- attention on the deficits, despite a tle headway to cut the deficit in boycott of the sessions by the 1984, an election year when law- White House.

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1983 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Todey is especially fina lor being of service to those less fortunuata than yourself. May today bring you e wondarful response to tha message of the Prince of Peece.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be very courteous end kind with closa lies today. The evening should be spant pulling the house in order.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A good day for enjoying others and pleasing them more. Do some special favor for your mate. Make this a family day.

GEMINI (May 21 to Juna 21) Stay at home where your greatest happinass can be axprassed. You are abla to understand how to make your home more harmonious. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Delivar gifts to

bring them happiness. Take that chip off your shoulder. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Count your blessings on this day and be Ihankful for tham. Plan for the days aheed. See to it that everything is in order.

those of whom you ere fond and who dapend on you lo

plness loday and can be most affectionate with others. See as many friends as you can. Be kind-hearted. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Do some meditating on what can bring more heppiness at home. Be perticularly nice

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You are glowing with hap-

to your mate and family. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Taka lime to see good friends loday as well as family. Make some new friends.

You will gain a long desired wish. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Io Dec. 21) During spare time gad about and see persons who can help you. Make plans

for the future. Ba good to family. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) The ideal day to express your Irua beliefs end be happy. Enjoy a sumptuous

AOUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Ideal day to spend in the company of the one you love and show true devotion.

Do whatever will make this person much happier. Be wise. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Be more thoughtful of Iriends who like you and include tham in your family plans for tha day. Drive with utmost care.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be someone who understands the problems of others and wants to help them so slant education along lines of social service work. This is someone who will be precise and claver end will expect this of others around him.

"The Sters Impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1983

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The morning is good for straightening out whetever requires you get matters in good condition efter yeslerdey's celebration. Later, gat togather with a talented associata. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Contacting an individual who

has a fascinating philosophy can be helpful in eovencing your ideas. Avoid a jealous colleagua. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Go lo an expert who can

cue you in on the best wey lo become mora prolicient at your career work. Improve health and appearance. GEMINI (Mey 21 to June 21) Stete what you desirs your

male to do and get the right response. Make plans for this evening early in the day. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Important you agree with kin on matters that will bring more hannony

et home. Handle buainess affairs wisely. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Gal togelhar with allies and come to a new agreemant where kindred skills are con-

cerned and get ahead fastar. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Gat into financial affairs you put off because of the holiday and let the family assist

you with them. Be ective and heppy. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You may lael tired in tha

morning, but after lunch anergy increases. Make up for lost time end accomplieh much. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Avoid a gossipy friand

in the morning. Then quietly get togather with an expert to talk over financiel affeirs. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Listen to what others

have to suggest in order to gain your cherished wishas. Take a trip with a good friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Steer cleeer of that person who wants you to go out for a good time when you have Important work to accomplish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you don't argue over a business matter in the morning, you can later achieve

what you set out to do today.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't have that lalk with a partner in the morning or en ergument will result. Get advice of experts to clear up an enigma.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or sha will be

an absolute fuss-budget and will elways be dissetisfied with clothing, food, environment, etc. Teach not to criticize end to be greteful. Your progany will lalar becoma mora cooperative and very ambitious. Stress education.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your lifa is lergely up to you!

hina will lose if confidence in Hong Kong collapses

PEKING (R) - Changes in the with the outside world. key economic relationship betnow bargaining over the British

colony's future. Trade and other economic links between the two are so strong that prosperity of Hong Kong, whose pressure since China announced it would take the territory back from

Britain in 1997. Hong Kong, in turn, has come to rely oo Peking, which has invested large sums in the colony and uses it as its middleman in dealings

THE BETTER HALF

Since China reforged its links sperity. ween Hong Knng and China could with the outside world in 1977, a Mushrooming financial and present a major problem to policy trade boom between the colony investment activity, in Hong Kong, and the Peoples Republic has ty mainland institutions and the Kong and Peking told Reuters.

Hoog Kong has bolstered its hange from these and burgeoning eover. re-exports via the colony.

However, trade has levelled out nese institutions had become incin the past two years and a new which both sides could pay heavily if confidence is lost in China's abi-

lity to sustain the colony's pro-

benefited both equally, political narrowing of China's annual trade and business sources in Hong surplus with Hong Kong indicate the changes taking place.
The sources said Peking had

Peking depends on the continuing growth with cheep Chinese food made a conscious decision to get and raw material imports while involved in the Hong Kong ecoeconomy has come under severe China has raked in foreign exc- nomy ahead of a political tak-But they added that some Chi-

> reasingly aware that Hong Kong's relationship is evolving under sophisticaled economy could be effectively used rather than just milked. It was Hong Kong's change from being a mainly manufacturing centre to the world's By Harris third most important financial

centre and a rich source of investment and equity funds that had altered its economic relationship with China, the sources said.

Yet, they said China's political

stance had harmed its hopes for an increased economic role in Hong

Peking's public rebukes to Britain since secret talks began last year have scriously affected its own investments and foreign exchange holdings in the colony as confidence slumped and markets plummeted, the sources said.

The extent of the new direct Chinese presence in Hong Kong is difficult to access accurately due to the complex nature of Chinese interests scattered around its banks and companies.

Statistics show Hong Kong's banks and deposit-taking institutions had a net liability to China of 7 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$900 million) at the end of This is a complete turnaround

from net claims on Chine two years ago and reflects Peking's increased foreign exchange holdings in Hong Kong and rising

investment by Chinese companies through mainland banks in the colony, banking sources said. Rough estimates from known

deals put Chinese property interests in Hong Kong at over 3.4 billion dollars (\$500 million). On the other side, Hong Kong Chinese have invested at least 2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$256 million in mainland ventures over

the last few years, the sources said. Some competitive mainland firms are making tentative steps to use as a source of venture capital Hong Kong's volatile stock market, which grew from its solid manufacturing base and an abs-

ence of regulatory mechanisms. The colony's foreign exchange markets grew with the arrival of international banks and a lifting of exchange controls and it is arguable whether Hong Kong can continue much as it is without the services these markets provide.

The exchange markets were certainly the first to react to any leve.

adverse news from Peking over the colony's future, the sources The dangers were seen last Oct-

ober when, largely due to political uncertainty sparked by Peking. the government was forced to relink the colony's dollar with the U.S. currency to prevent further drastic lalls in its value, they said.

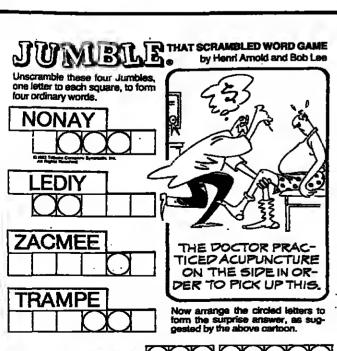
The nervousness of the markets with Peking is an obvious barometer of confidence, even though it does not always reflect the true state of the economy, now recovering from the effects of recession, the sources said.

Neither does it reflect the truc state of the talks, which continue informally between each round.

As the changing links between Peking and Hong Kong become more pronounced, the mutual benefits from a political setilement will grow, the sources bel-

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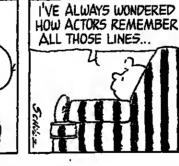
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British monarch says modern | Angolan rebels hold technology should aid the poor back Czech captives

LONDON (R) — Queen Elizabeth said Saturday modern technology should be harnessed to bridge the gap between rich and poor countries, describing that gap as the greatest problem facing the world.

"We shall not begin to close this gap until we hear less about nationalism and more about interdependence." she added in her traditional Christmas message to Britain and the Commonwealth.

The 57-year-old monarch, speaking with a model of the U.S. space shuttle on her Buckingham Palace desk, said the world technological and communications revolution had touched the lives of most people in the world.

"In spile of all the progress that has been made the greatest problem in the world remains the gap between rich and poor countries." she added.

"What we want to see is still more mudern technology being used by poorer countries to provide employment and to produce primary products and components, which will in turn be bought by the richer countoes at

competitive prices," she said. The queen, who marked the 30th anniversary of her coronation in June, praised the spirit

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OTTAWATR ... Jeanne Sauve.

appointed as Canada's first

woman governor-general, says

she believes merit and not gender

was the prime issue in choosing

who should replace Governor-

Canadian liberal, is used to bre-

aking down barriers. She became

the first woman speaker of the

Canadian House of Commons in

Ms. Sauve said her app-

ointment, announced in London

by Buckingham Palace, was "a

magnificent breakthrough for

women" but said the question of

"I'm sure there were other

names brought up, but I don't

think that there was any con-

a woman or not.' I'm sure the only

consideration was who was fit for

the job." she said. "It's a terrific

opportunity to serve the country

and I'm really quite delighted to have been asked to do it."

of women being represented in

every facet of government." said

Sally Barnes. president of Ont-

Conservative leader Brian Mul-

roney called Ms. Sauve "a woman

of great talent, accomplishment

and warmth. I am pleased she will

continue to serve Canada and

Canadians in such high office."

ario's status of women council.

"It's another step along the way

gender was not an issue.

VIs. Sauve. 61. French-

of cooperation in the 48-member Commonwealth and said one its main aims was to contribute towards redressing the economic balance between nations.

Paying tribute to development in India, the host of last month's Commonwealth leaders' summit. she added that advances such as the space shuttle had changed most people's lives.

"Leaders and specialists can meet and discuss political and technical problems: News travels faster and there is more of it: new opportunities for world trade have been opened up by this communication revolution." she said.

But she added that in spite of these advances the age-old problems of human communication

"We have the means of sending and receiving messages, we can travel to meetings in distant parts of the world, we can exchange experis: But we still have difficulty in finding the right message to send." she said. "We can still ign-



Queen Elizabeth II

ore the messages we don't like to hear and we can still talk in riddles and listen without trying to comprehend.

"I hope that Christmas will remind us that it is not how we communicate but what we communicate with each other that really matters." she added.

The queen's message last year sparked controversy in Britain even before it was broadcast because it paid tribute to British forces which recaptured the Falkland Islands from Argentina.

The communist Morning Star

newspaper broke an embargo on the pre-recorded message, calling that section of it jingoistic.

This year, she concentrated on the ease of modern travel and communication. saying modern technology had touched most aspects of life throughout the world. We saw this in dramatic form in India," she said, recalling that 22 years ago she had seen some of

the problems India faced. 'Since then, the population has grown from 440 million to over 700 million, yet India has managed to become one of the 10 or so leading industrial nations in the world and has become self-

sufficient in food." she said. The queen said she had been heariened by real progress through Commonwealth cooperation. "There is a flow of experis in all directions, with Canadians helping in the Caribbean. Indians in Africa, New Zealanders in India. Australians in Papua New Guinea. British in Kenya.

The list is endless." She urged the members of the Commonwealth to make the most of the world-wide comradeship it offered and communicate as friends in tolerance and und-

JAKARTA (R) - Indonesia's armed forces were untrue. Gen chief of police. Gen. Anton Soediarwo, today blamed mysterious killings on gang warfare and denied the government was conducting an unofficial war on cri-

ting the gangs, he said. lings were being carried out by the ional crime rate.

Anton said in an interview with Reuters and two other journalists.

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crackdown on a new breed of western-inspired criminal since he became police chief in January.

Origins of Christmas lie in pagan rituals

extended

led five months ago. Parliament Foday night voted 124-If for the extension after Pome Minister Ranasinghe Pre-

eastern provinces. Earlier Parliamentary Affairs

New Democratic Party leader Ed Broadbent said Ms. Sauve would bring many exceptional qualities to her post as representative of the monarch in ing the past month.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN

CHOOSE YOUR LOSER

Both vulnerable. South deals. NORTH

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You do not have to go along with the nefarious schemes that the defenders have planned for you. You are entitled to take

countermeasures! While South was a trifle weak for a demand bid in terms of point count, there was no gainsaying the playing strength of his bolding. Note that North does not have a positive response, despite bis distributional

U.S. urged to pull out of **UNESCO**

NEW YORK IR! - The U.S. State Department has suggested that the United States should threaten to withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation UNESCO: in a bid to moderate what it sees as its anti-Western bias, the New York Times reported Saturday.

The newspaper said the recommandation was sent to President Reagan with a Dec. 31 deadline to file notice of withdrawal. The State Department would

not comment on the report. The Times said U.S. officials had complained about UNE-SCO's anti-Western positions.

Sri Lankan emergency

COLOMBO (R) - Sri Lanka's state of emergency has been extended until Jan. 17 to combat guerrilla attacks and prevent a recurrence of ethnic violence in which nearly 40tt people were kil-

madasa said guerrilla violence was continuing in the northern and

Minister Vincent Perera read out a list of robberies of banks and post offices and thefts of cash and jewellery by armed guerrillas dur-

features, and that he can't bid over four spades witbout getting his aide too high.

West led the ace of clubs and continued with the king. Declarer ruffed and led the king of spades. West won and ahifted to a low diamond. East won and led the queen of clubs, and that was that. If declarer ruffed low, Weat would overruff. If he trumped bigh, West's ten would be promoted to the

aetting trick.

Declarer should have been aware of the possible trump promotion - that was the principal threat to bis contract. And there was a way to prevent it - a loser-onloser play.

After ruffing the second club, declarer should have entered dummy by ruffing a heart. Now declarer leads a club from the board and discards his diamond loser. The defenders can do what they will - they have their three tricks and can get no more. Declarer wins any return and forces out the ace of trumps. He gets back to his band with a heart or a ruff, draws the outstanding trumps and claims his con-

Indonesia blames gangs

None of the murders who had carried out the killings had yet been caught, but police were hun-

He described reports that the

He said there had been a tough Allegations that extra-legal kil- resulting in a sharp fall in the nat-

By Peter Gumbel

may not have heard of carols or ut at Christmas many of their heathen oftuals are still celchraied throughout the Chostian World. Folklore experts and medieval

scholars say Santa Claus. Christmas presents and special biscuits are just some of the traditions that may have been adanied from dark-age rites of the Nordic warriors. In Scandinavia, more than

Lutiti years after Christianity was first introduced, ancient pagan belief goes hand-in-hand with the celebration of the birth of Christ. "In lact, it was the Nordic people who invented Chostmas." says

loern Pioe of Denmark's National Folklore Museum. The prominence of Christmas is lairly recent as it was long overshadowed in the Christian Cal-

endar by the commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection at Easter, theologians say. The date of Dec. 25 was chosen

in the lourth century by the fathers of the carly church to coincide with the annual Roman festival of the Winter Solstice.

But folklore experts say that before the Roman festival, which celebrated "sol invictus" tunconquered sun: - the start of longer days and shorter nights - the people of Scandinavia offered gifts to their deities amid huge rejoicing.

Traces of the Nordic festival. which appears to be a pagan fertility rite, are most easily found in Scandinavian tanguages, scholars

The modern word for Christmas in Danish, Norwegian and Swedish is "Jul", almost identical to the name of the pagan festival "Jol". This has been passed into English as "yule" and is pronounced in roughly the same way.

Live animals were sacrificed and offered up to the Norse Gods Odin and Freya to win their favour and secure good crops - a possible forerunner of Christmas pre-

Alcohol, too, appears to have been an essential part of the early festival lor the beer and meadswilling northerners.

Norse sagas invariably connect John to drink, pre-empting the alcohol-induced high spirits of the modern Christmas that would have been frowned upon by Puritan Christian ancestors.

The origin of Christmas biscuits with special shapes may also lie in an old Scandinavian custom in which images of gods, animals and humans were made in dough and

Pioc. who has researched into COPENHAGEN - The Vikings thristmas for almost 31t years. says this tradition is known only because of a decree of the early Norwegian church in the 11titis which sought to outlaw the pra-

Many to today's Christmas customs have a highly confused origin as they evolved slowly through the centuries, often adding new characteristics.

The modern image of Santa Claus, the jolly old man with a white beard who travels by reindeer and slides down chimneys. has gone through numerous cha-

As such he can only he dated with certainty to 1835, when U.S. songwriter Clement Clarke shore made the lirst known reference in his "a visit from St. Nicholas". Sania Claus' "proper"

Nicholas himself, the patron saint of children, lived in the third century in what is now Turkey. His day. Dec. 6, is still celebrated in some European countries, notably the Netherlands, by giving gifts to children.

But in Scandinavia. Christmas is the time of a benevolent imp who traditionally has a long white beard, red pointed hat and brings gifts and good luck.

Most department stores in Nordie countries use the imps. known in Danish as "nisse", to deck out their Christmas window displays. And folklore experts maintain the nisse may be the direct forerunner of modern cults like Santa

"You can see their importance when you consider that nisse were depicted in olden times as sitting at the top of evergreen trees, before their place was taken by the Chrisimas Star of Bethlehem," says lb Varnild from the Danish National Museum.

The nisse are mentioned in an ancient lcelandic saga as household mascots who advise and project families, in direct contrast to the evil trolls who leave a trail of And the idea has turned full circle: An English company has sta-

rted a "santaland project" in the

Swedish town of Mora which it

says will provide a permanent home for Santa Claus. One of its functions will be a "dial direct" line to father Christmas — a modern answer to the stacks of mail addressed to "Santa Claus, North Pole" that Scandinavian post offices receive

every year.

els say they are freeing all their foreign captives except Cze-choslovaks as a goodwill gesture for Christmas.

A spokesman for UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola I fighting the Marxist rulers in Luanda said the captives were to have been handed over to the International Red Cross at a rebel camp Friday.

But it was not immediately clear whether the handover had taken place. Informed sources in South Africa said a substantial number might be released shortly after Christmas. UNITA, which controls large

sections of the bush in southern Angola, reported this week capturing 18 Brazilians, Portuguese Spanish, Polish, Japanese, Filipino and Italian nationals. A spokesman said in Lisbon

that five Britons taken last month would also be among those freed. The release of about 20 Czechoslovaks --- among 45 captured last June - has apparently been held up because of attempts to exchange them for prisoners held by the Angolan government.

A UNITA communique said the government had refused to agree on a swap and the Cze- onto sheltering villagers.

choslovaks were being held pending further discussion with the Red Cross.

Two Canadian missionary nurses meanwhile arrived in South Africa from Angola, after being held captive for several weeks in the Angolan bush, in an apparent preliminary to the release of UNITA captives.

S. Indian rains kill 17

NEW DELHI (R) - At least 17 people have been killed and hundreds of village huts were flattened in heavy rains over the past two days in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu, state officials said Saturday.

Floodwaters submerged a large belt of rice fields and thousands of villagers whose homes were threatened were moved to higher

ground. Officials in Madras said several rivers in the Cauvery Delta area had burst their banks, but floods were draining swiftly.

Most of the victims were killed when rain-soaked walls collapsed

Bishop denies being kidnapped in Nicaragua

TEGUCIGALPA (R) - An American-born bishop has turned up in Honduras denying Nicaraguan claims that he had been kidnapped by right-wing rebels

Monsignor Salvador Schaefler. 65. said he left Nicaragua of his own free will to accompany about 3.00lt Miskito Indians in their flight from the country. Bishop Schaefler disappeared

from a Miskito Indian town in northern Nicaragua on Tuesday. The Nicaraguan government said he had been kidnapped by U.S.backed anti-government rebels. But he told reporters that he

arrived in Honduras Friday: "It was not kidnapped, I travelled to Honduras to accompany 3.100 Miskito Indians fleeing the Sandinist regime. He said the Miskito Indians had

been planning to seek sanctuary in Honduras for several months. He intended to return to Nicaragua to continue his pastoral work.

Bishop Schlaefer's disappearance heightened tensions between Honduras, used as a base by U.S.-backed rebels lighting the Nicaraguan government, and Nicaragua, which accused the Honduran government of aiding rebels in their attacks.

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Rolls Royce car shortage hits U.S.

NEW YORK (R) - Really big U.S. spenders are having a shopping problem this Christmas: There is a Rolls-Royce shortage. The very rich are fond of buying the hand-crafted cars, costing \$100.000 or more, as gifts for their loved ones. Wealthy ranchers. industrialists, pop stars, doctors, dentists and sportsmen have made the United States the main market for the cars, which take up to five months to build. A five-week strike in England this autumn caused a shortage. Rolls-Royce spokesman Reg Abbiss told Reuters: "Some dealers will deliver the car gift-wrapped with red and white satin bows on the hood (bonnet). There is now a chronic shortage of Rolls-Royce cars in the United States. During the strike we lost about 240 cars which would have been here for the Christmas trade."

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Salvation Army at odds with New York

NEW YORK (R) - The Salvation Army, whose brass bands are a traditional part of Christmas in New York, has run afoul of a city ban on discrimination against homosexuals. The city is threatening to withdraw S5 million worth of contracts it has with the Salvation Army to run day care and old people's centres because the army will not sign a pledge saying it does not discriminate against homosexuals. All city contractors were required as of January last year sign the pledge as part of an order by Mayor Edward Koch. Lt. Col. Roland Schram, the army's chief of New York operations, said: "We do not discriminate against hiring homosexuals, but we just cannot sign the pledge as a matter of our national policy."

King Tut's curse falls on Lloyds

LONDON (R) - The curse of Tutankhamun struck Lloyds of London in the form of a heavy insurance bill after a television company was jinxed while making a film about the ancient Egyptian boy king. A judge ruled that the company, forced to delay filming at Luxor in Egypt in 1979 when an actor broke his leg. could recover damages from the insurance house. The film recounted the 1922 British expedition to Luxor to open Tutankhamun's treasure-packed tomb, inscribed with a curse promising death to all who entered. Actor Ian McShane, playing a member of the expedition, managed to throw himself from a vintage car before it crashed over the edge of a plateau during filming and said it felt as if the car was being pulled towards the

Motorcycle ace faces tax suit

CLEVELAND, Ohio (R1 - A \$1.6-million civil lawsuit against former motorcycle daredevil Evel Knievel and his wife Linda has been filed by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service for back taxes. interest and penalties. The government says the money is due for taxes from 1972 to 1976 when Knievel was making news and breaking bones with his death-defying stunts. Knievel said recently he grossed some \$200 million in his daredevil days, netting an estimated 35 to 40 million, but spent \$45 million.

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